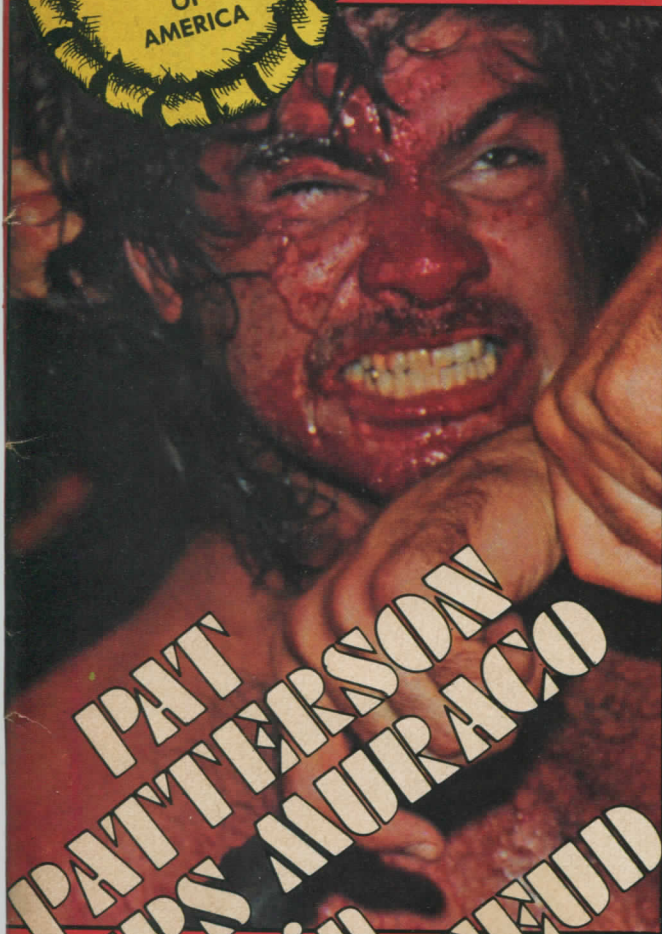


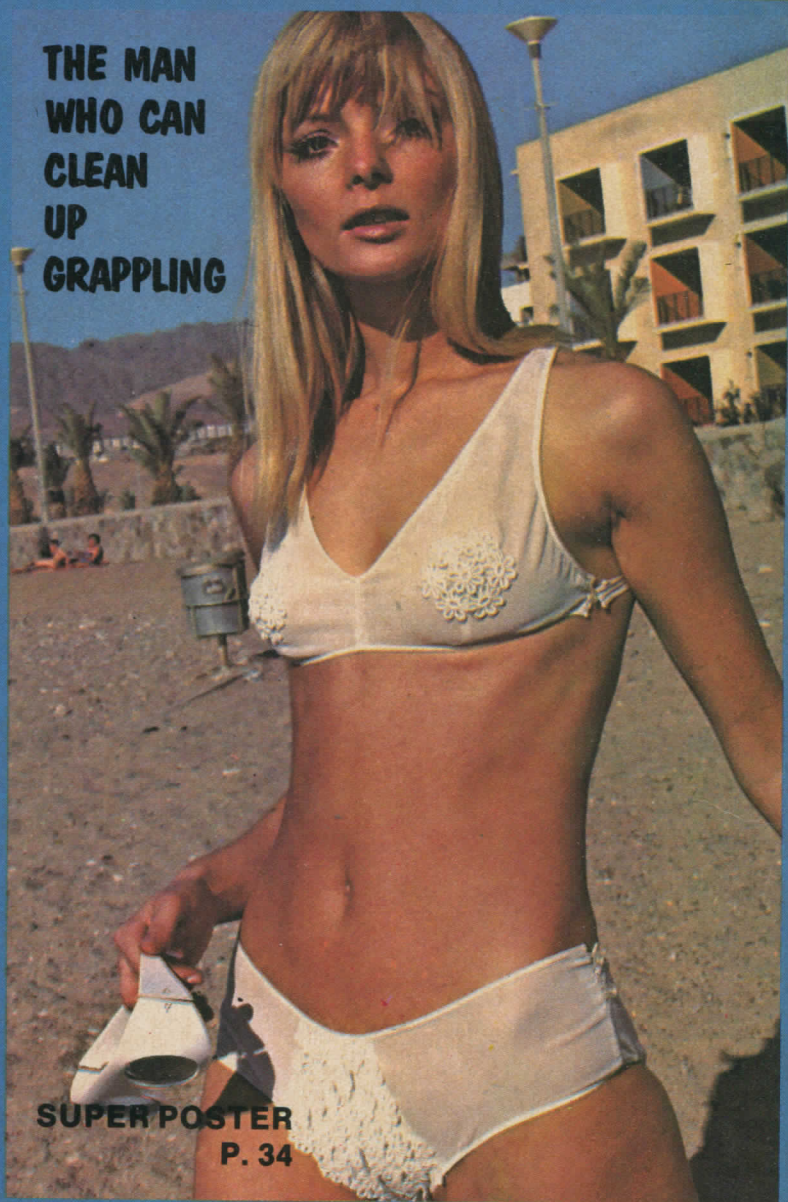
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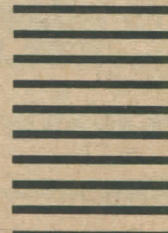
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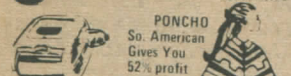
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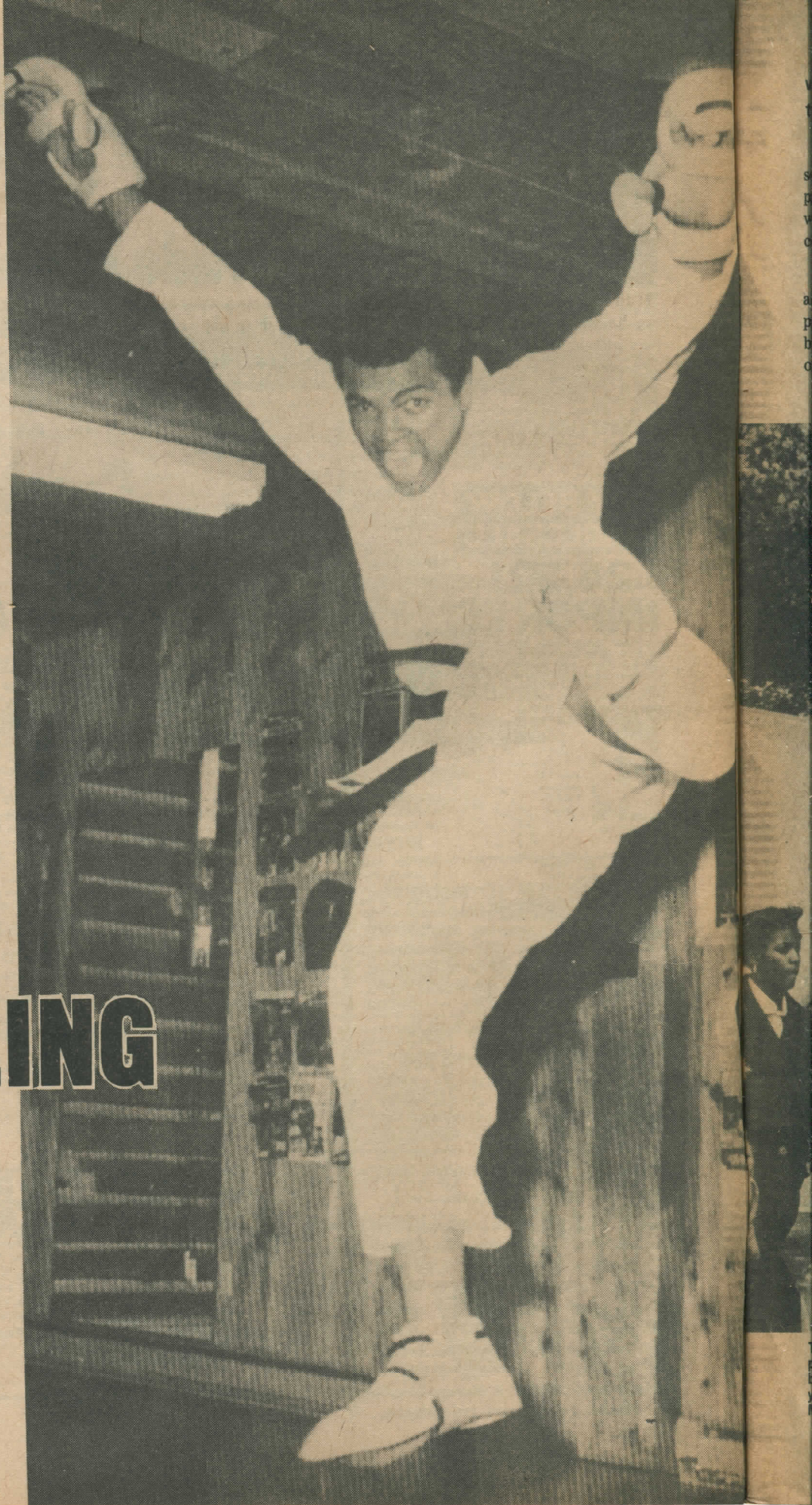
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**WILL  
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World heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali presents an awesome sight as the camera catches him during a karate workout. Ali, who is wearing special karate gloves and boots, has been receiving instructions from an eighth-degree karate black belt from Korea which adds credence to the rumor that Ali may pursue a professional wrestling career after his boxing days are over.

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Numerous fight fans, both boxing and wrestling, have wondered why world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali ever agreed to a mixed match with Japanese wrestling star Antonio Inoki.

Of course, the six million best reasons for the bout was the size of the purse given Ali for this special event which was seen around the world via closed-circuit television.

Then, there is Ali's insatiable ego as Muhammad obviously wanted to prove he was indeed king of the ring before hanging up his gloves at the end of the year.

However, there may have been an even more important reason for Ali agreeing to meet a matman, particularly one of the stature of Inoki, who is one of the brightest stars in the current galaxy of grappling greats.

Ali may have used the Inoki match as a test to see if he could match his strength and skill against a wrestler with an eye towards a possible career

in the grappling game in the future.

Impossible, you say.

With Ali one has to expect the unexpected and giving up the boxing business for the grappling game would certainly shock the sports world.

Yet, the impossible has become commonplace for Ali during his ring career.

When Ali refused induction into the United States Army in April, 1967, he was stripped of his title by various boxing bodies and forced into a three-year 'exile' from the ring.

## MIXED MATCH STEPPING STONE TO MAT CAREER?

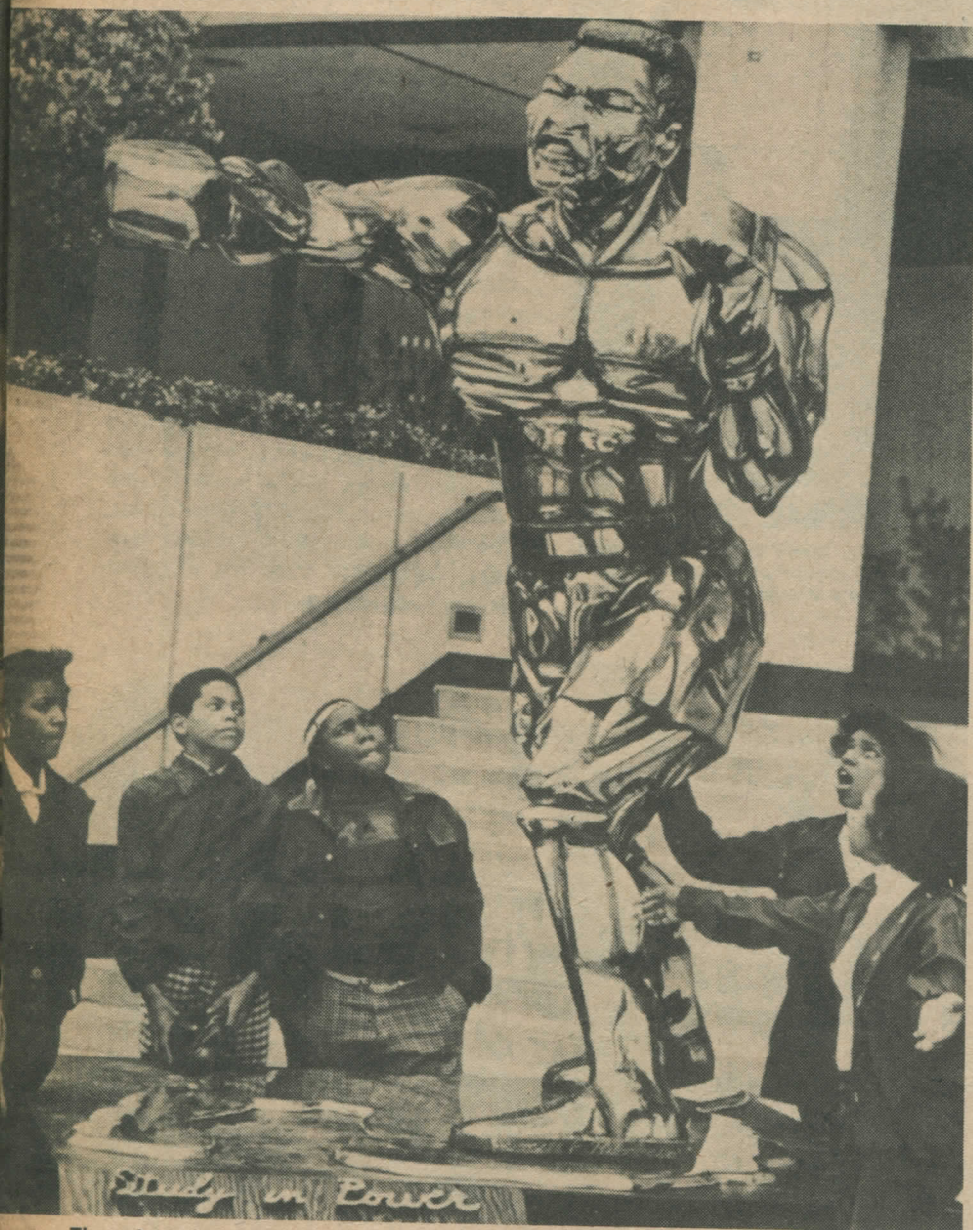
When the highest court in the United States reversed Ali's five-year prison term by a unanimous decision and Muhammad announced plans to resume his ring career after three years and eight months, the critics scoffed, "He can't come back." Boxing history supported this theory as few fighters have been able to regain their former skills after a lengthy absence from the ring.

Yet, Ali not only came back but also regained his heavyweight title with a stunning eighth-round knock-out of George Foreman, who up until then, had an aura of invincibility about him.

Since his return to the boxing ring, Ali has compiled a 23-2 ring record which upped his overall mark to 52-2.

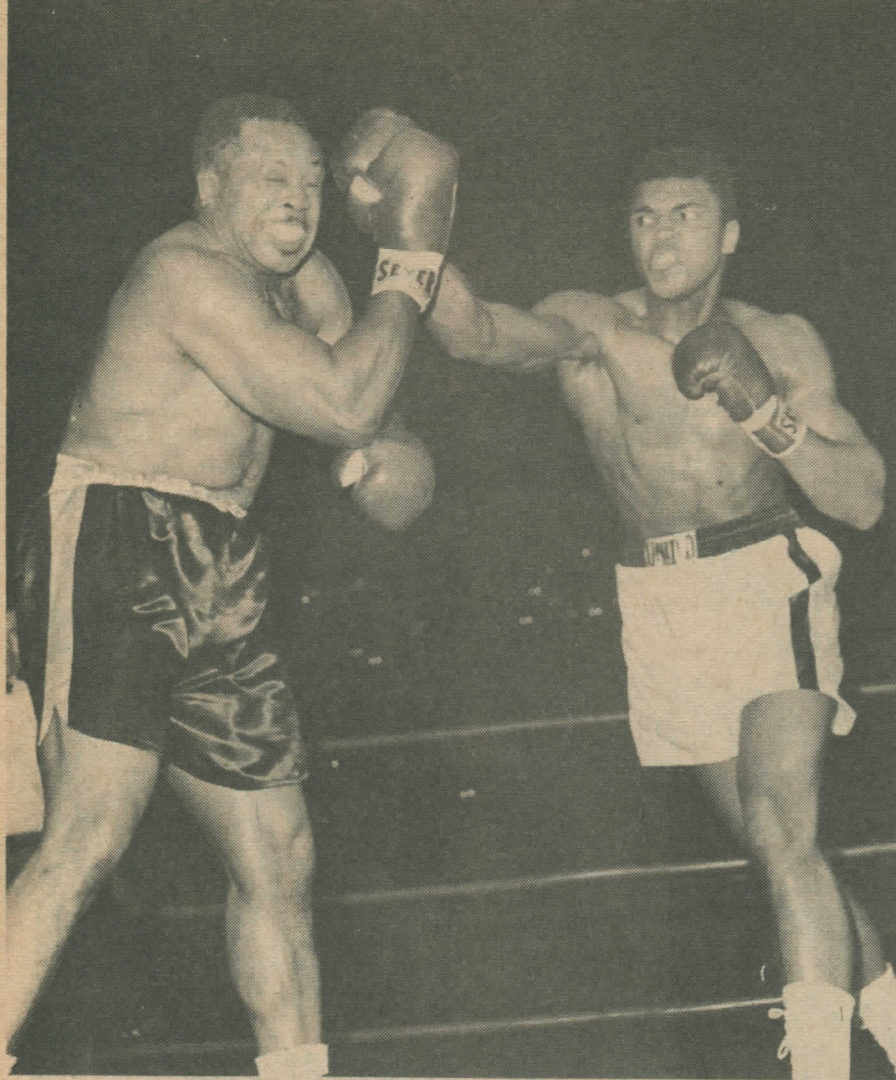
Before Ali came upon the boxing scene, million dollar purses were unheard of. Yet, Ali alone has collected

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The punching power of Ali is evident in this photo as he stuns former world light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore with a long right. If a proven professional pugilist like Moore couldn't take Ali's blows wearing gloves, how many wrestlers could withstand the bare-fisted blows of the mighty Muhammad?

11 purses of a million dollars or more already.

So, 'impossible' is one word that is absent from Ali's vocabulary.

Although Ali has his detractors, few fight fans will dispute that Muhammad has been the savior of the sport in recent years.

After Rocky Marciano retired as undefeated heavyweight champion, Floyd Patterson, Ingemar Johansson and Charles 'Sonny' Liston laid claim to the most prized possession in sports. Yet, all three failed to capture the imagination of the boxing public.

Patterson's penchant for being knocked down kept him from gaining acceptance as a great champion; Johansson proved to be a flash in the pan, and the sombre Liston with his prison background did little to boost boxing's image.

Then came Ali, then known as Cas-

sius Clay, who was like a breath of spring to the boxing business. An Olympic gold medalist, Ali gained attention with his pugilistic predictions like:

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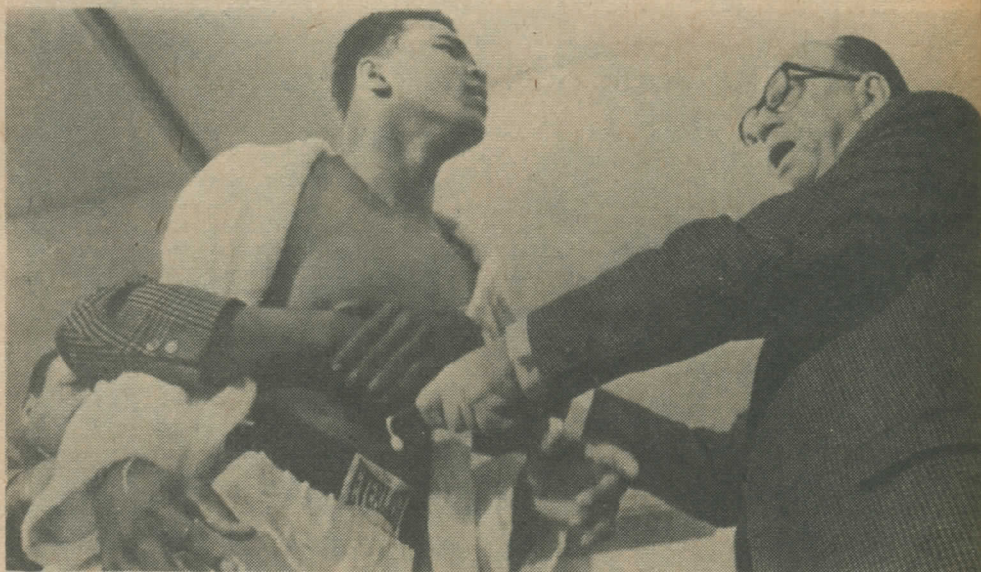
When you come to the fight don't block aisle or door,  
'Cause y'all going home after round four!"

Before his first fight with Liston:  
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Ali later admitted that he got this idea for creating publicity from one of the all-time grappling greats Gorgeous George.

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During the weigh-in for his first fight with Sonny Liston, Ali ranted and raved and had to be restrained by Miami Beach Boxing Commission vice-chairman Carl Gardner (right) and others. The 'act' cost Ali a \$2,500 fine but it served its purpose in psyching Liston as Ali, a 7-1 underdog, stopped Liston in the seventh round to capture the world heavyweight title.



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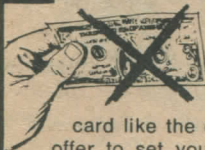
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# ALI'S SUPPORTERS LEARN TO EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

When the time came for George to appear, the lights were dimmed, a recording of 'Pomp and Circumstance' was played and a spotlight followed the 'Human Orchid' down the aisle.

The valet would then hold the ropes apart so George wouldn't have to bend too far and crease his flowing robe — of which he had over 100

costing as much as \$1,900. George would wipe his dainty white shoes on the carpet while his valet removed the spun-gold hairnet so the audience could admire his shoulder-length blond locks.

When it came time for the pre-fight ritual when the referee ran his hands down the wrestlers' bodies to check

for grease, George insisted that the official's hands be sprayed before the examination could take place.

George kept his hair in place with gold-plated 'Georgie' pins, and had his fans repeat the oath, "I solemnly swear and promise I will never confuse this gold Georgie pin with a common, ordinary bobby pin, so help me Gorgeous George."

Gorgeous George became a household word as wrestling became the biggest thing on television. In fact, Wagner had his name legally changed to Gorgeous George in a Los Angeles court in 1950.

Although he was despised by the majority of the wrestling fans because of his villainous tactics — George wasn't above having his valet use the tray and spray gun in coming to his assistance — he was truly the 'Toast of The Coast.'

Top comedians like Bob Hope, Eddie Cantor and Red Skelton made it a point to include Gorgeous George jokes in their scripts.

George even made a very forgettable film, *Alias The Champ*, in 1949, and was the subject of several songs, none of which made the hit parade, with lyrics like:

"He has an armful of muscle and a head full of curls,  
He wrestles with fellows and thrills all the girls.  
A two-ton truck with velvet sheen,  
Gorgeous George is the man I mean.  
He has a chest like a mountain and a face like a dream,  
He starts women swooning and makes men scream."

Little wonder, the impressionable young Ali was inspired by George. It helped that Ali was one of the greatest gloved gladiators of all time, but stealing a page from Gorgeous George's script certainly didn't hurt Muhammad's rapid climb up the heavyweight ladder.

Few pugilists have made the transition from boxing to wrestling with much success.

Paul Berlenbach was an amateur wrestling star before turning to boxing and reached the light-heavyweight heights as world champion from May 30, 1925, until July 16, 1926. How-



The one and only, original Gorgeous George made a big impression on a young Ali, who stole a page from George's script with his pugilistic poetry and other antics.





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# GORGEOUS GEORGE GAVE ALI IDEA FOR POETIC PREDICTIONS

Carnera was 40 years old when he debuted as a matman in 1946; Louis was 42 when he gave grappling a brief whirl.

Next Jan. 17, Ali will be 35 years of age — old for a boxer but the prime of life for pro wrestling who compete with some success until their 50s and in some cases even their 60s.

Ali has the physical tools, height (6-foot-3) and weight (between 220 and 230 pounds) to be a successful wrestler. Muhammad has already shown some interest in other forms of combat, having taken karate lessons, and could take to wrestling like a duck to water if he puts his mind to it.

Naturally, Ali would need time to learn the tricks of the trade — but knowing Ali his schooling in the art of pro wrestling wouldn't take too long as he already has been working out with The Sheik in preparation for the confrontation with Inoki.

Besides the physical tools, Ali has something that separates the rich wrestlers from the run-of-the-mill grunt 'n' groaners — charisma.

Ali is the best-known athlete in the history of sports and his legions of supporters spread from sea to sea and to all corners of the globe.

Even though Ali's supporters include every race, color and creed, there is a non-silent minority that would like nothing better than to see Ali beaten be it in a boxing or wrestling ring.

This 'love-hate' relationship is part of the fan appeal of wrestling as even the most heroic hero or villainous villain has fans who flock to the arena



To help raise money for charity, Gorgeous George took part in a celebrity circus with Bob Hope (right) as his valet and Burt Lancaster as George's opponent. Just before the match began, the lights went out and when the spotlight was turned on George and Lancaster were dancing to the Viennese Waltz.

ever, Berlenbach only enjoyed limited success as a pro grappler — two triumphs and one no contest — before returning to the boxing ring for a shortlived comeback.

Dan Hodge was an amateur wrestling star of note, won a Golden Gloves heavyweight boxing title, but was mis-matched as a pro pugilist and retired with a 7-2 record after suffering

an eighth-round knockout at the fists of world-rated Nino Valdes in 1959. Hodge then gave pro wrestling a try and enjoyed considerable success as a junior heavyweight champion.

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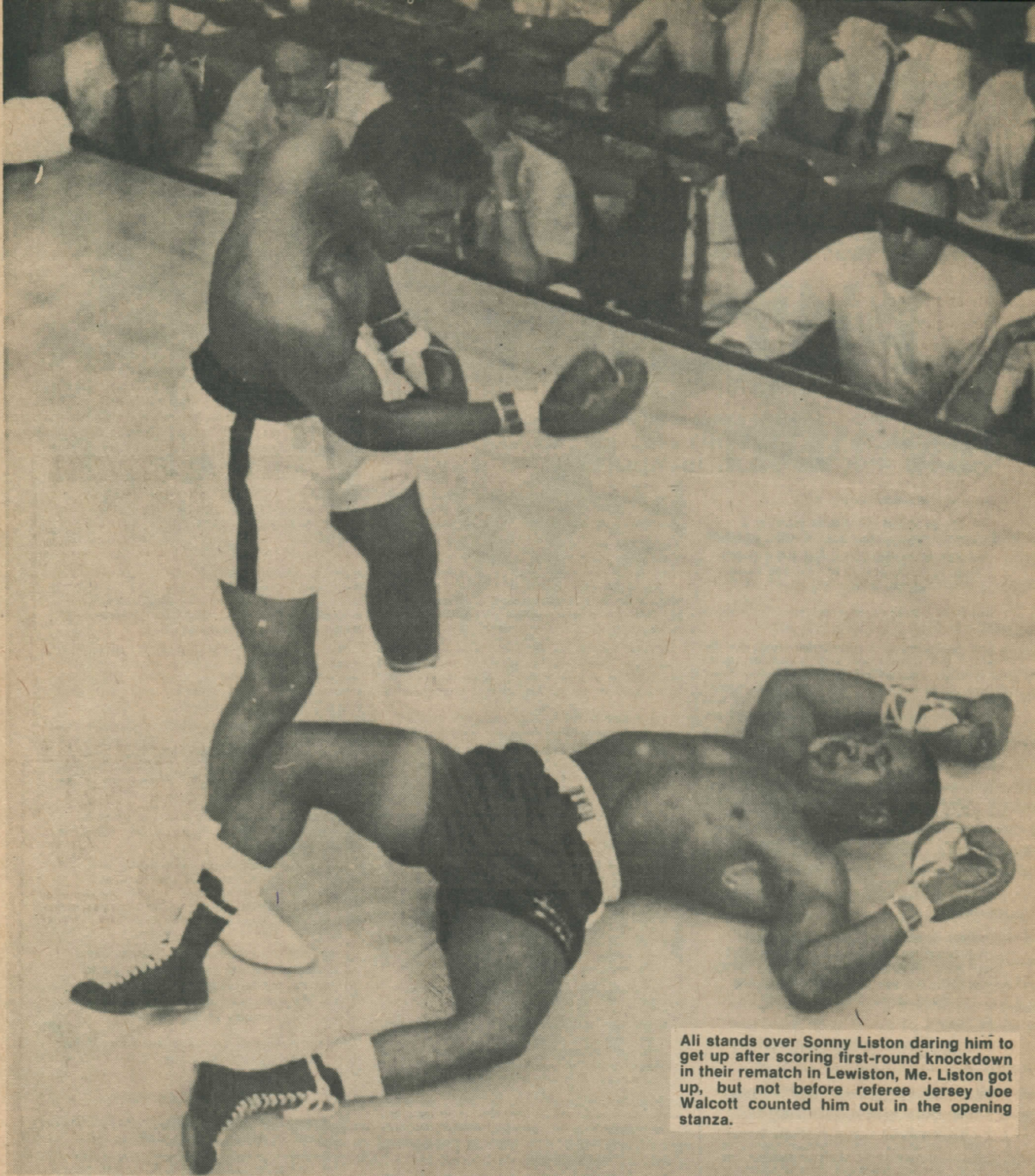
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Ali stands over Sonny Liston daring him to get up after scoring first-round knockdown in their rematch in Lewiston, Me. Liston got up, but not before referee Jersey Joe Walcott counted him out in the opening stanza.

## SWITCHING RING SPORTS HAS MET WITH LITTLE SUCCESS

to see him win while others are there in expectation of seeing him beaten. So, Ali would fit well in this scheme of things.

Ali has often mentioned that the

training grind has made it more difficult for him to get in top physical condition, so, why, might one ask, would Muhammad want to get into wrestling?

However, it must be remembered that boxing has been a part of Ali's life since he was 12 years old and everything connected with training has become 'old hat'.



On the other hand, wrestling is something new for Ali and the conditioning process is vastly different.

True, a wrestler has to keep in condition but keeping his weight down — an increasing problem for Ali in the last few years of his boxing career — isn't of utmost importance. In fact, Ali could probably soar to 240 or 250 pounds as a wrestler.

In these days of spiralling inflation, no one really can be sure that he has enough money to see him through the years ahead. However, it's hard to imagine Muhammad Ali going into wrestling strictly for the almighty dollar.

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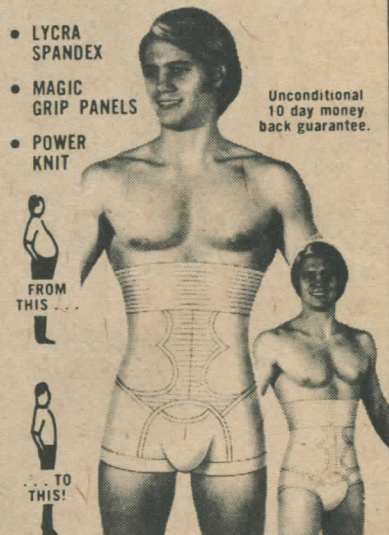
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was sure — at least in his own mind—that he could be 'The Greatest' in grappling as he is in boxing.

Ali spent many hours in the gym preparing for the Inoki match, but he wouldn't throw his hat into the wrestling ring until he knew the grappling game from 'A' to 'Z'.

After all, Ali wouldn't be content with preliminary bouts as he's been a main eventer all his life and would want nothing less in wrestling. Therefore, if Ali turns to wrestling you can rest assured he'll be ready for the cream of the crop — Sammartino, Superstar Billy Graham, Jack Brisco, Terry Funk, Dory Funk Jr., Nick Bockwinkel, Verne Gagne, Bobo Brazil, Andre The Giant, etc.

When the outlook for boxing, particularly in the heavyweight division, was bleak, Ali was the savior of the sport.

While wrestling continued to thrive in most areas, there are still some pro-

## ALI HAS ALL THE TOOLS TO BE MAT SUPERSTAR

blems plaguing the grappling game — like the confusion over the true champion, the complete disregard for the rules by some of the more dastardly villains who live by the 'win at any cost' code of the jungle — and of course there is always room in any sport for another superstar.

Ali has convinced millions that he is indeed the greatest heavyweight boxer of all time.

Will Ali prove that he is indeed the king of the ring?

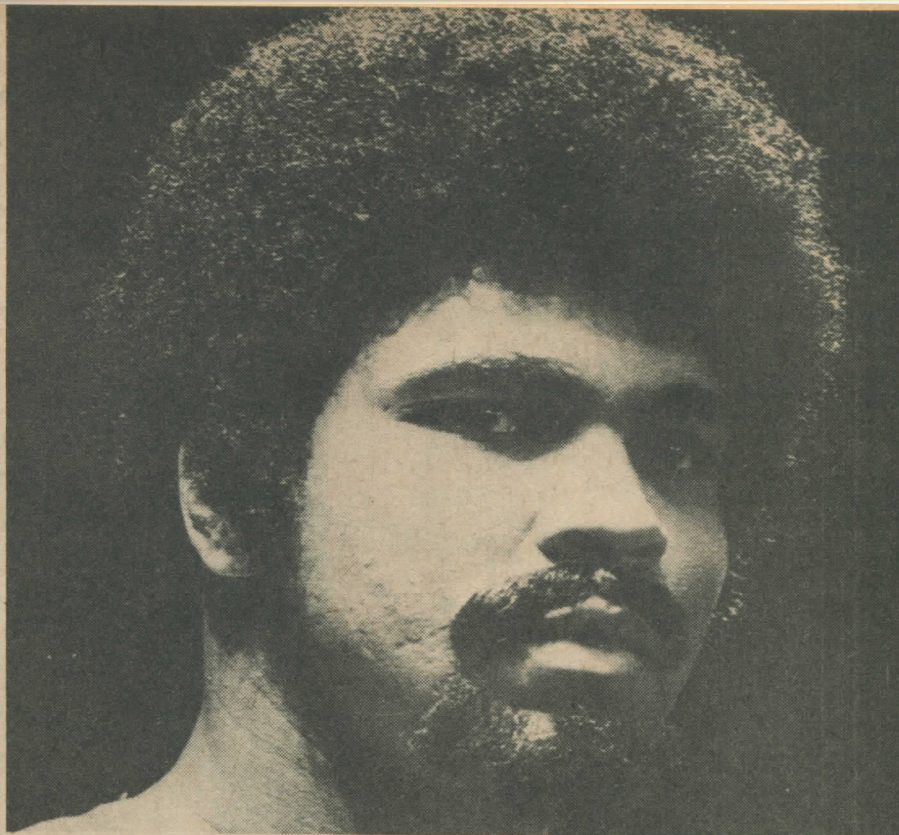
Only time will tell, but the signs indicate Muhammad Ali will try to take his place among the all-time grappling greats as well.



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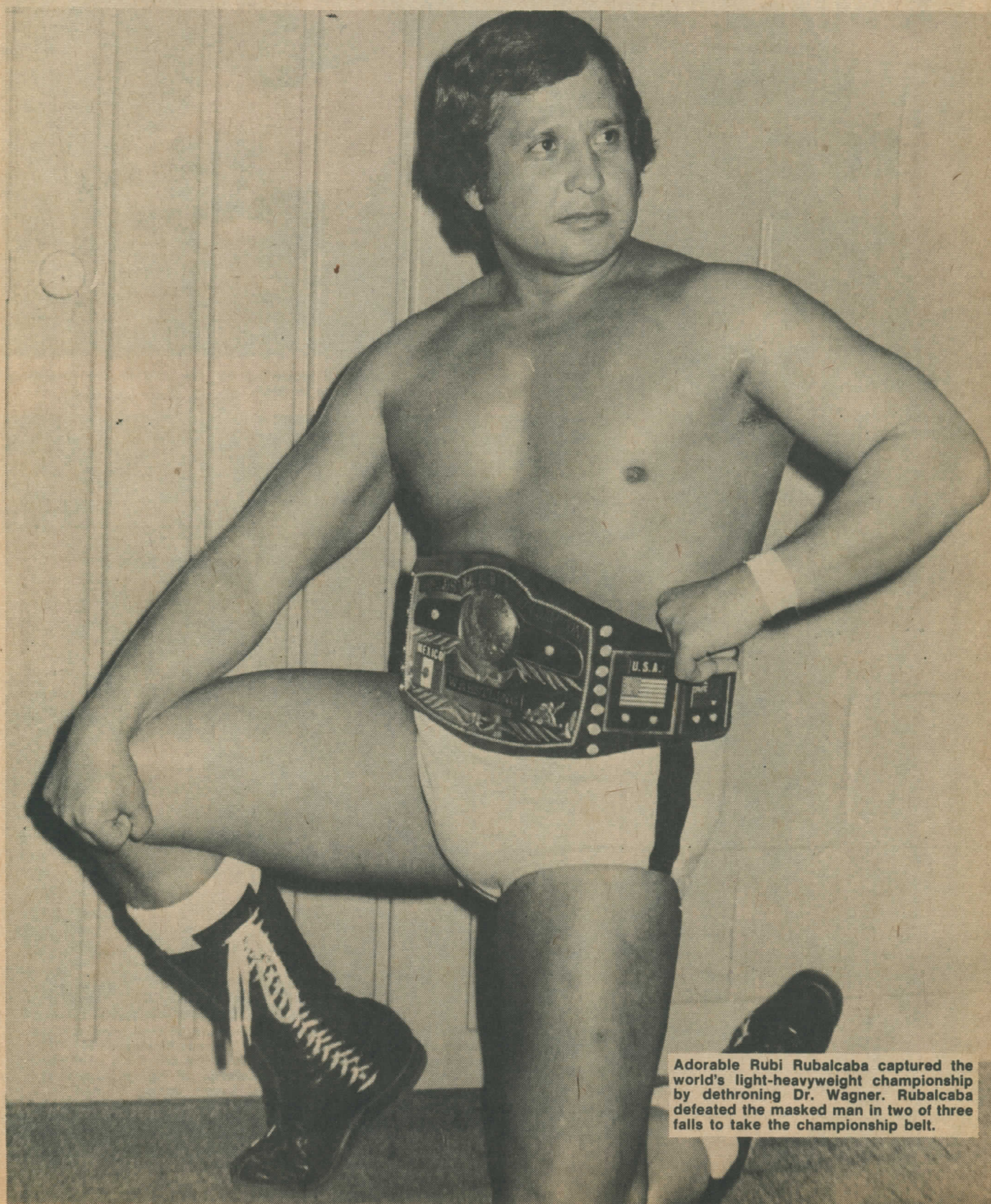
Recognize this man? It's Muhammad Ali made up for his role in the Broadway musical, 'Buck White', which had a short run in 1969.



Besides being the best-known athlete in the world, Muhammad Ali has another ingredient that would make him a success in the wrestling world — charisma. Ali is at his charming best when he's with children as this photo shows Ali taking a left to the head from six-year-old Emmitt Lyons during a visit to a Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C.



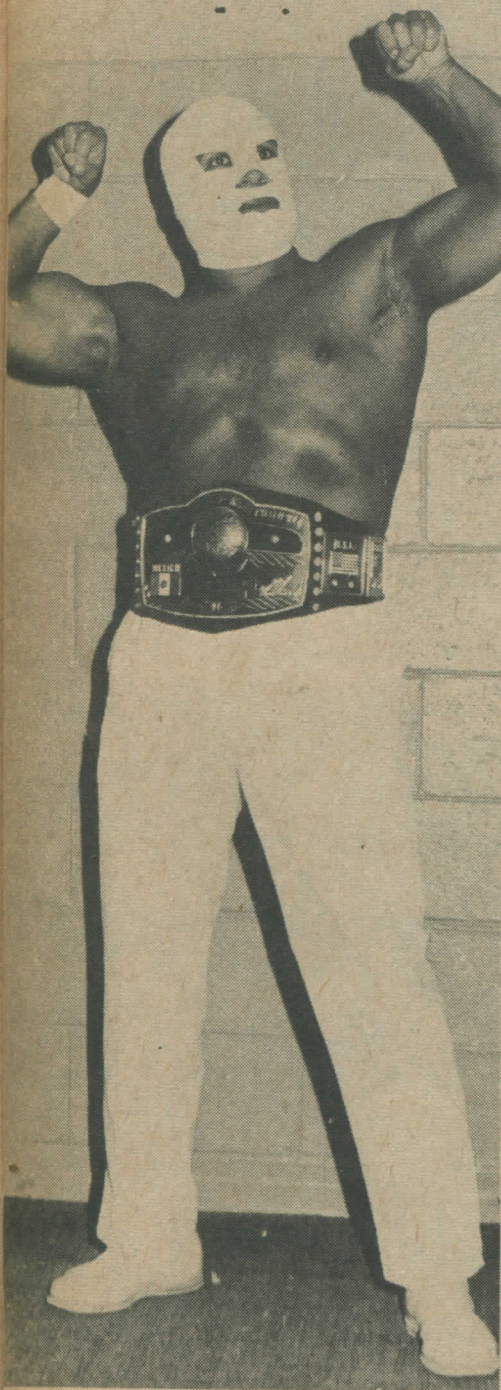
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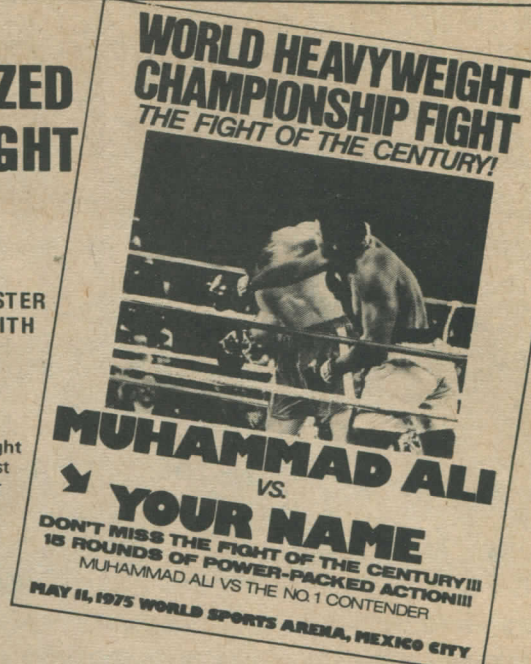
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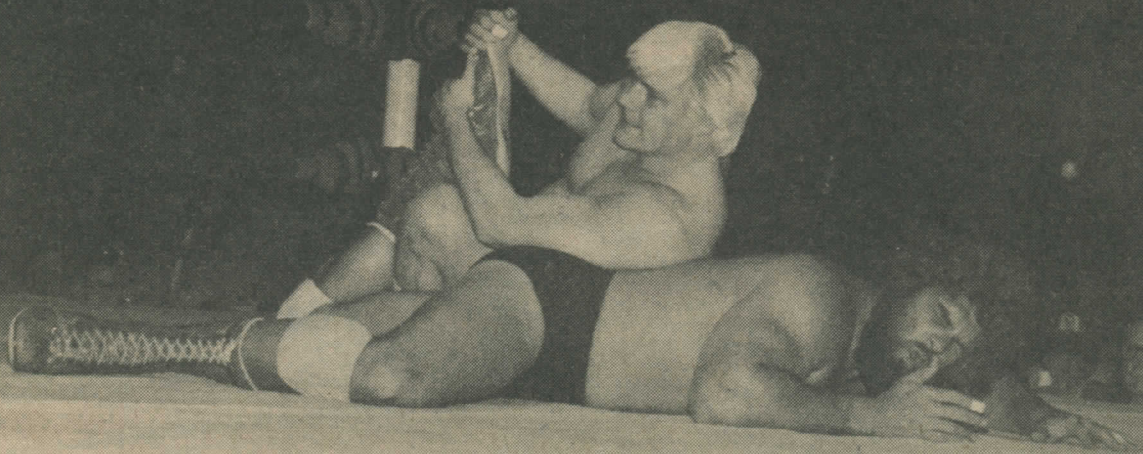
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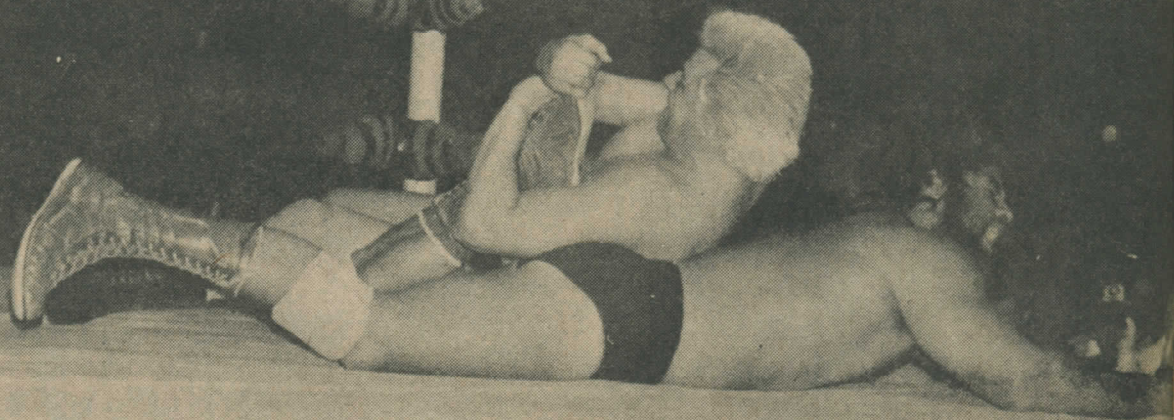
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Pat Patterson goes to work on Don Muraco's left leg almost immediately, bringing pained expressions to Muraco's face as he applies force on the twisted limb.





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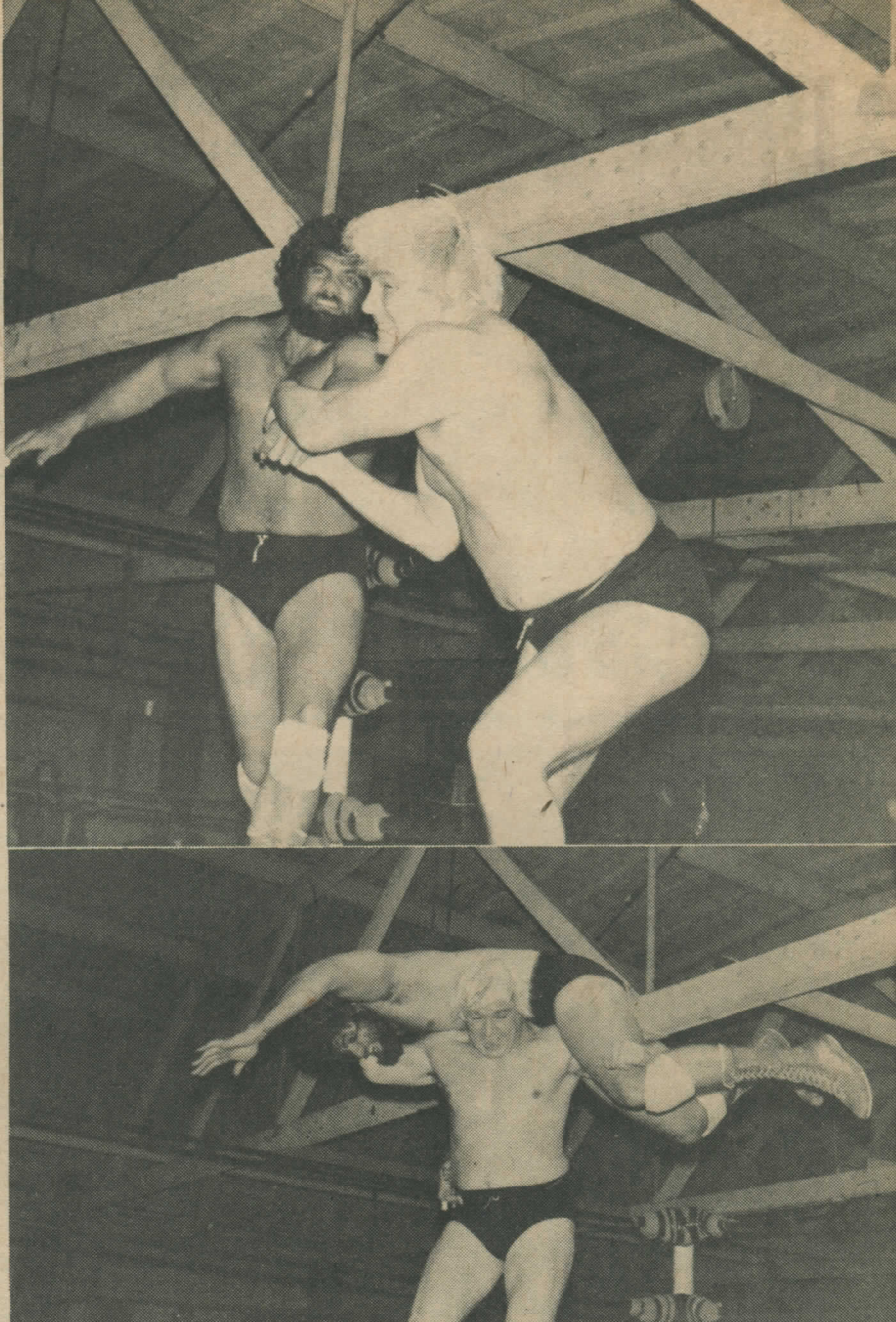
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Patterson softens Muraco up by whipping him into the turnbuckles and applying an airplane spin.

The dictionary defines 'feud' as vindictive strife or hostility between families or clans, commonly hereditary.

It goes on to explain that a feud is emmity between families, clans or parties with acts of hostility mutually retaliated and avenged. Feud is rarely used of individuals, never of nations.

One of the most famous feuds was between the hillbilly families, the Hatfields and McCoy's.

Although feud is rarely used with individuals, no other word can describe the bitter feelings between two of the top pro wrestling stars today, Pat Patterson and Don Muraco.

Muraco contends that he is a better wrestler and better looking than his arch-rival Patterson, a former

United States heavyweight champion.

"That stupid bleached blond is always poking his nose where it doesn't belong. One time when I was teamed up with Pedro Morales we could have beaten the Masked Invaders, but Patterson had to charge into the ring and interfere with the bout. I never needed Patterson's help then and never will. I just welcome every opportunity I get to prove that I'm really the bet-



# BLOOD FLOWS FREELY IN MODESTO BRAWL

ter man," said Muraco.

"Although Muraco has given me some of my toughest battles, I hold a slight edge over him in our past mat wars. Muraco has got a lot to learn about wrestling and I enjoy teaching him a lesson," replied Patterson.

Promoter Johnny Miller recently brought Muraco and Patterson together in Modesto, Calif., and the result was one of the most thrilling, bloody bouts ever seen in Modesto mat circles.

In most wrestling matches, the grapplers start slowly, loosening up and feeling each other out, but such wasn't the case with Muraco and Patterson.

Patterson got the upper hand in the early going as he went to work on Muraco's left leg and only Don's courage and hatred for Patterson kept him from giving up.

The former U.S. champion, Patterson continued his assault on Muraco, using leg locks, an airplane spin and flying kneedrop.

Figuring he had his opponent on the ropes, Patterson was ready to move in for the kill when Muraco latched on to Patterson's blond locks and proceeded to toss his arch-rival out of the ring.

Don didn't stop there as he jumped out of the ring and rammed Patterson's

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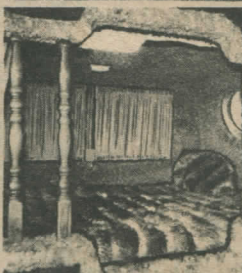


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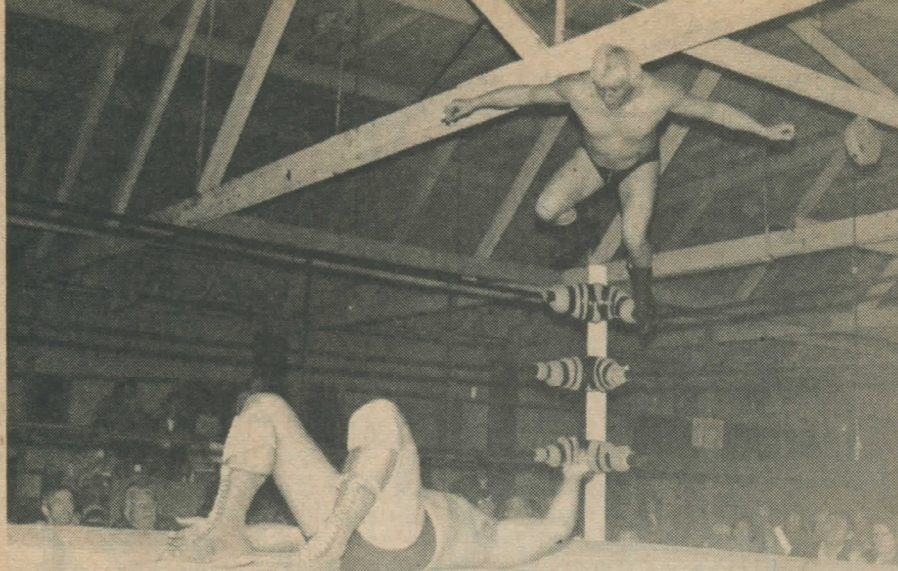
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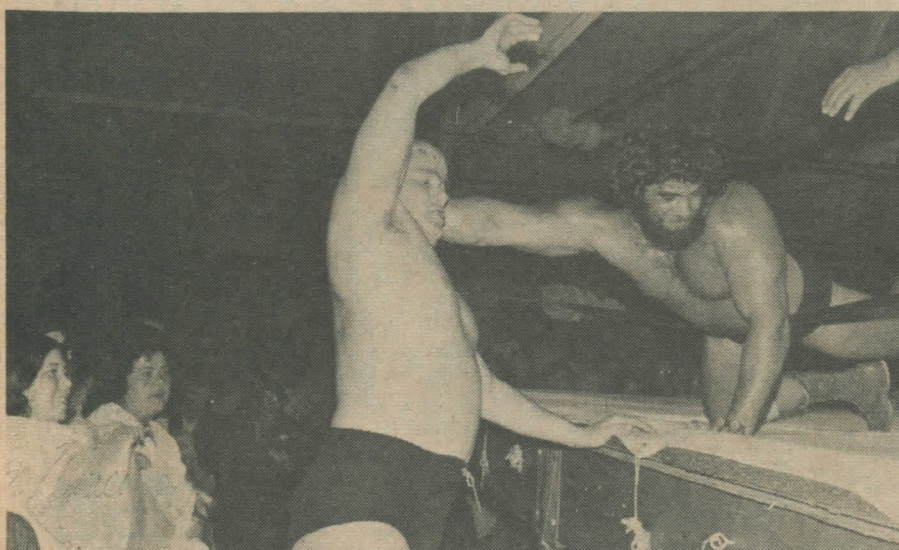
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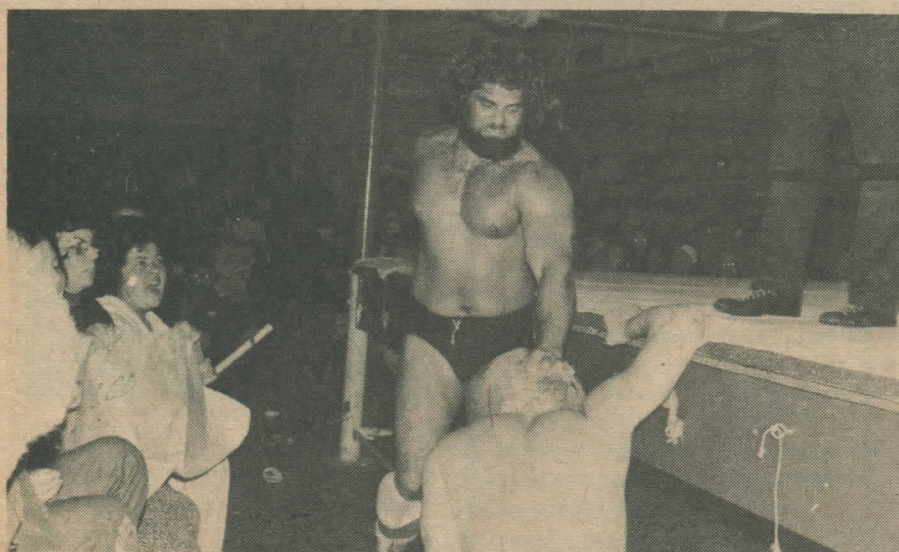




It looks like an easy victory for Patterson as he leaps off the top rope to land on a prone Muraco with a flying kneedrop. However, Muraco wouldn't give up without a fight against his arch-rival Patterson.



The tide took a drastic turn after Muraco grabbed Patterson by the hair, tossed him out of the ring, then proceeds to ram his head against the ring apron.



Patterson certainly looks the worst for wear in this photo after being slammed to the concrete floor.

head against the apron which started the claret flowing freely.

Muraco then slammed Patterson to the concrete floor, leaving the former U.S. champ much the worse for wear as he clamored back into the ring.

Patterson's amazing recuperative powers, aided by his simmering hate for Muraco enabled him to recover in time to return to the ring.

Realizing how badly he was bleeding, Patterson went berserk and literally battered Muraco from pillar to post.

Several head-first trips into the turnbuckle as a result of whips by Patterson soon brought the unpleasant taste of blood — particularly when it's one's own — to the lips of Muraco as the claret flowed like a fountain from Don's forehead.

This no-holds-barred, no-quarter-asked battle then continued outside the ring with the ringside fans moving back to avoid having their clothes covered from the blood of both battlers.

The referee did his best to break up the bloody brawlers and finally — after a long look at the mask of blood covering Muraco's face — stopped the bout and awarded the victory to Patterson.

Naturally, the decision didn't sit easy with Muraco, who felt he was able to continue, and the two continued to slug it out until the referee finally managed to step in and bring some sort of order to this chaotic scene.

Although this Modesto mayhem did little to prove who was really the best wrestler — Muraco or Patterson — it did provide the fans with the bloodiest, most thrilling match seen in the California city in many years.

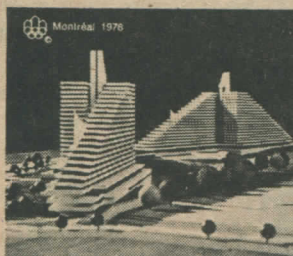
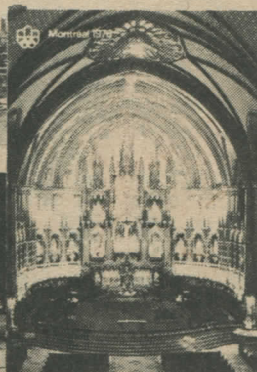
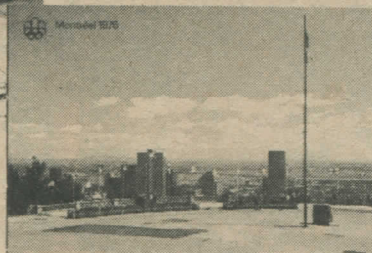
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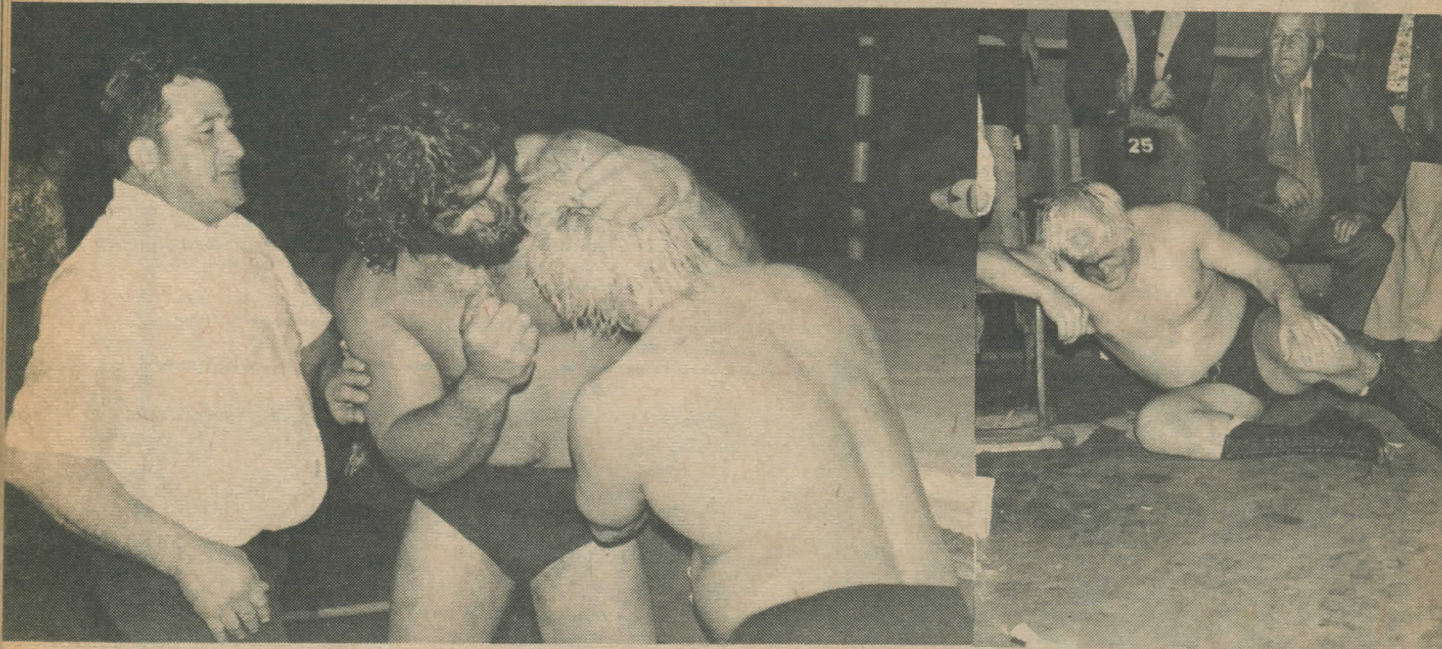
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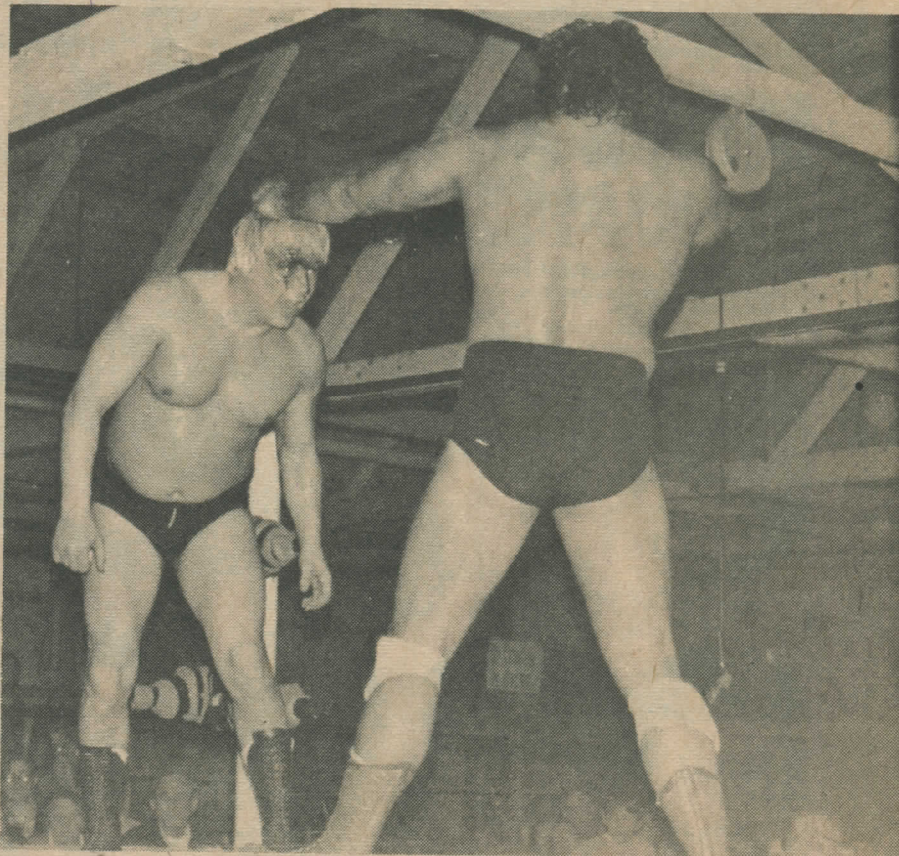
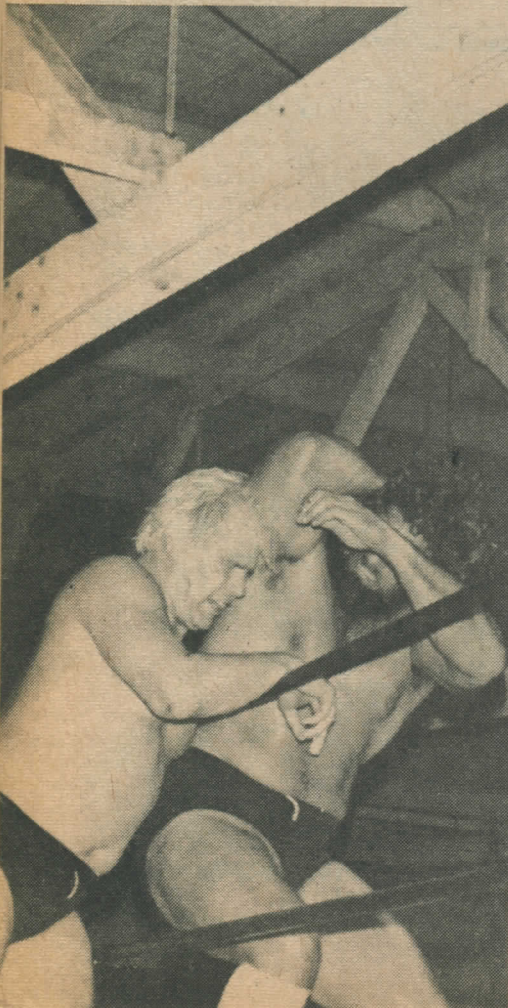
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# PATTERSON TRIUMPHS BUT MURACO VOWS REVENGE

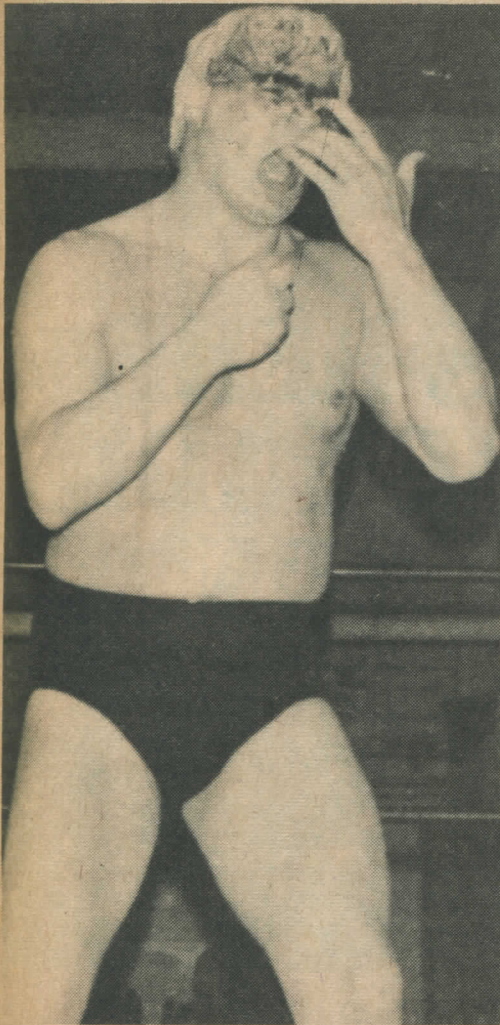


Clamoring out of the ring, Muraco went to work on his battered and bleeding opponent to bring the blood gushing from the forehead.

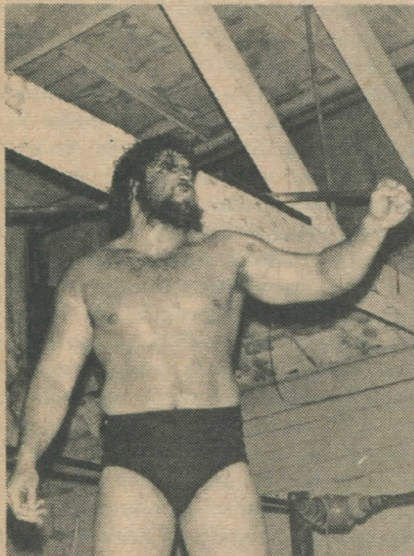


Never one to give an opponent an even break, Muraco went to work on Patterson's wound with his elbow and fist.





Enraged by the sight of his own blood, Patterson goes berserk and took revenge on Muraco by throwing him headfirst into the turnbuckle until he too was bleeding.



"I'll get even," threatens a bloody Muraco with a clenched fist after Patterson leaves the ring as the winner. So, wrestling fans can be sure this isn't the last chapter in the Muraco-Patterson feud.



The battle ends outside the ring with the referee telling a bleeding Muraco that enough's enough and he is halting the contest.



The bout is over, but Muraco isn't satisfied with the verdict and unleashes a two-fisted attack on Patterson before the referee intervenes.



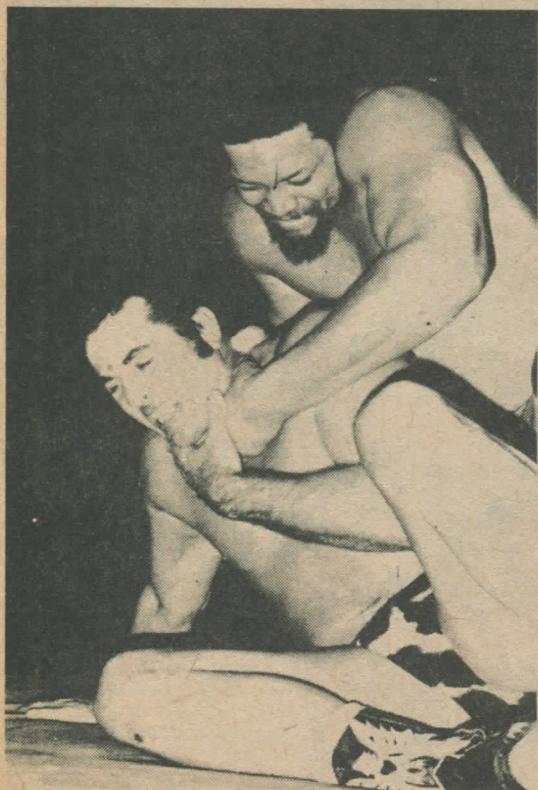


Big Ernie is gloating and confident as he gestures to the crowd before his match with Ellis.

## From Cowboy Bob Ellis,...

**"THIS HERE  
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IS NOTHIN'  
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OVERGROWN  
CRYBABY!"**

by Gary Mancuso



In a televised interview in Detroit the self-styled "King of Wrestling," Ernie Ladd issued a challenge to a famous Texan, Cowboy Bob Ellis. Ladd and Ellis were appearing just before their scheduled match in Cobo Arena.

"There's only room for one Texan in this profession, and that person is none other than myself," stated Ladd as he spoke to the wrestling world via television. "I came to these parts to get my hands on one man, Dick the Bruiser, and now this poor excuse for a cowboy, Bob Ellis, is getting in my way. So after I'm through whipping this cowboy, I'll take care of Mr. Bruiser."

Waiting patiently in the wings was Bob Ellis, who expressed his feelings on the upcoming match. "Ya, know, this here Ernie Ladd is nothin' but an overgrown crybaby, always flapping his jaws. Well I promise my fans that I'll get rid of this stud, so that my good friend Dick the Bruiser won't have to bother with this big mouth."

The two interviews were rough spoken, but the match was even rougher. After both Ladd and Ellis had entered the ring, Ladd made several attempts to remove his red velvet crown, but each time the fans prevented him from doing so by screaming and booing. According to Ladd, "I want and demand complete silence from my peasants when I'm removing my crown!" Finally, Ladd managed to

A reason for that confidence might be Ladd's skill in the use of illegal holds. Here he chokes Ellis from behind.



Both men exchanged hard punches in a wild battle outside the ring while the referee counted on and on.

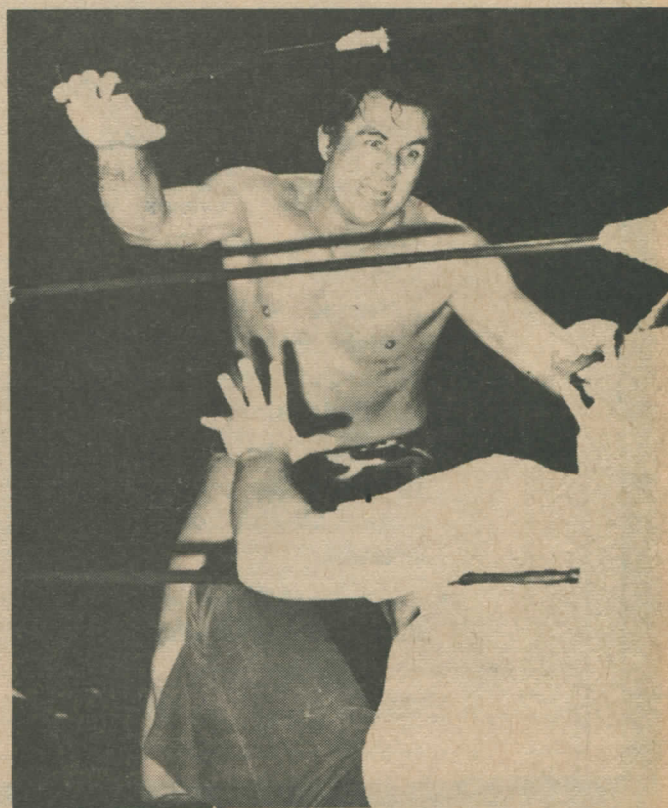


sneak off the crown, and the match began.

Ellis came out fighting mad, while Ladd made a quick dash for the outside. Manager Bobby Heenan was at ringside, and gave Ladd a few words of advice. Ladd re-entered the ring, and Ellis wasted no time in beginning his punishment. Ellis had Ladd trapped in the corner when suddenly Ladd threw his taped thumb into Ellis' throat, causing him to plunge to the mat in agony. Ernie moved in on Ellis, and began choking him. An expression of delight appeared on Heenan's face, as his protege continued the punishment.

Ellis managed to get to his feet, and delivered several punches to Ladd's stomach and forehead. Ladd, knowing that his only defense against the cowboy was his taped thumb, slashed that thumb into Ellis' throat once again, causing Ellis to roll out of the ring

When the King's manager, Bobby Heenan, tried to interfere — Cowboy Bob took care of him in short time.





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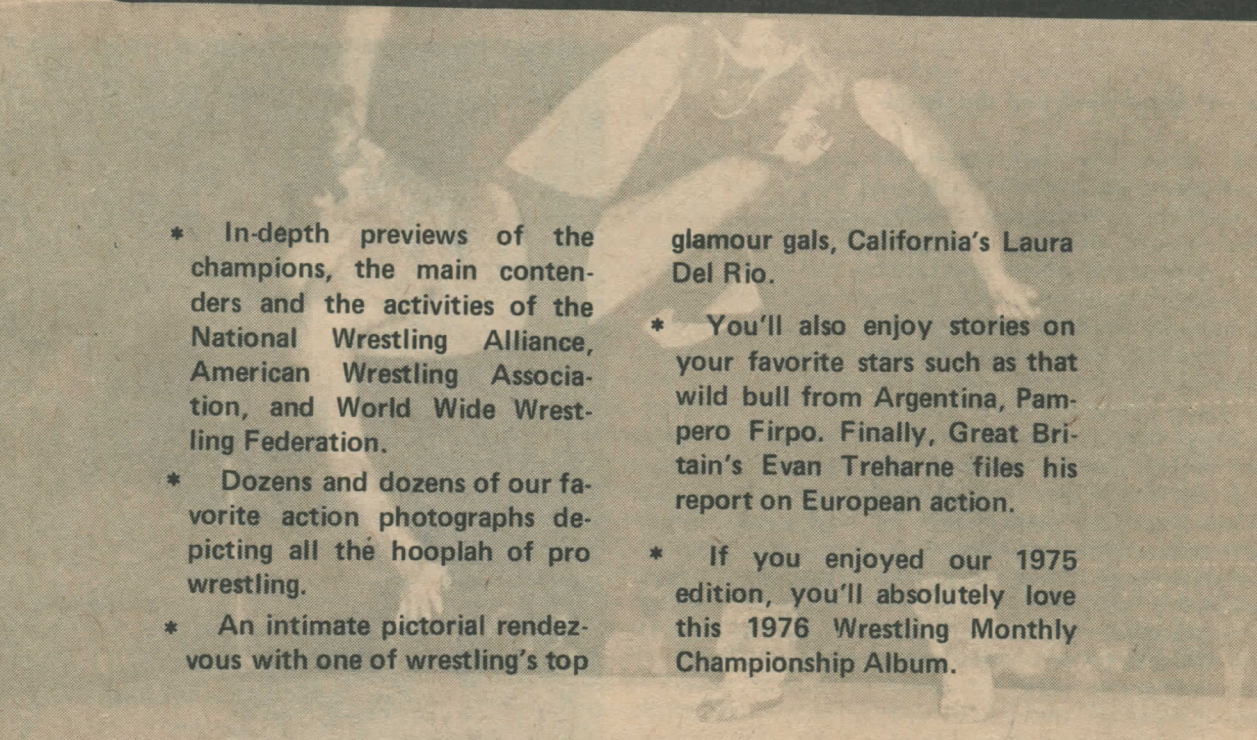
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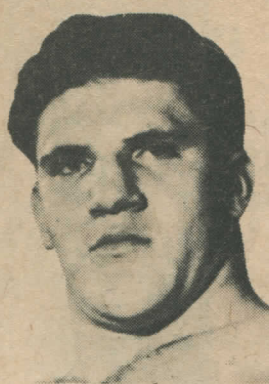
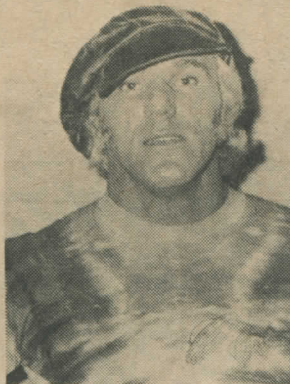
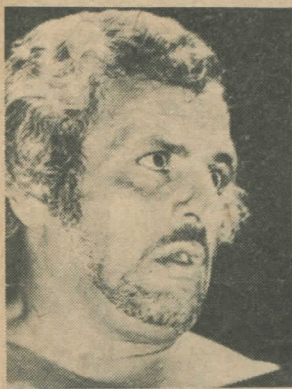
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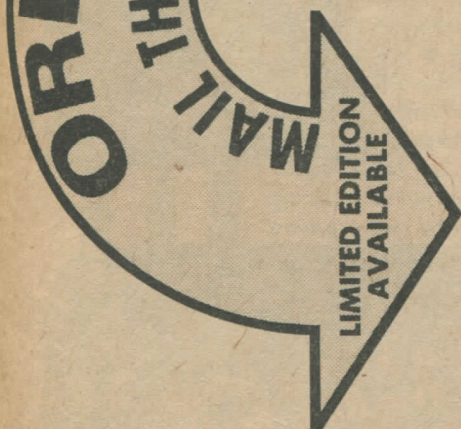
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*After Ellis had left for the dressing room, Heenan rushed to Ladd's side and raised Ernie's hand in victory.*

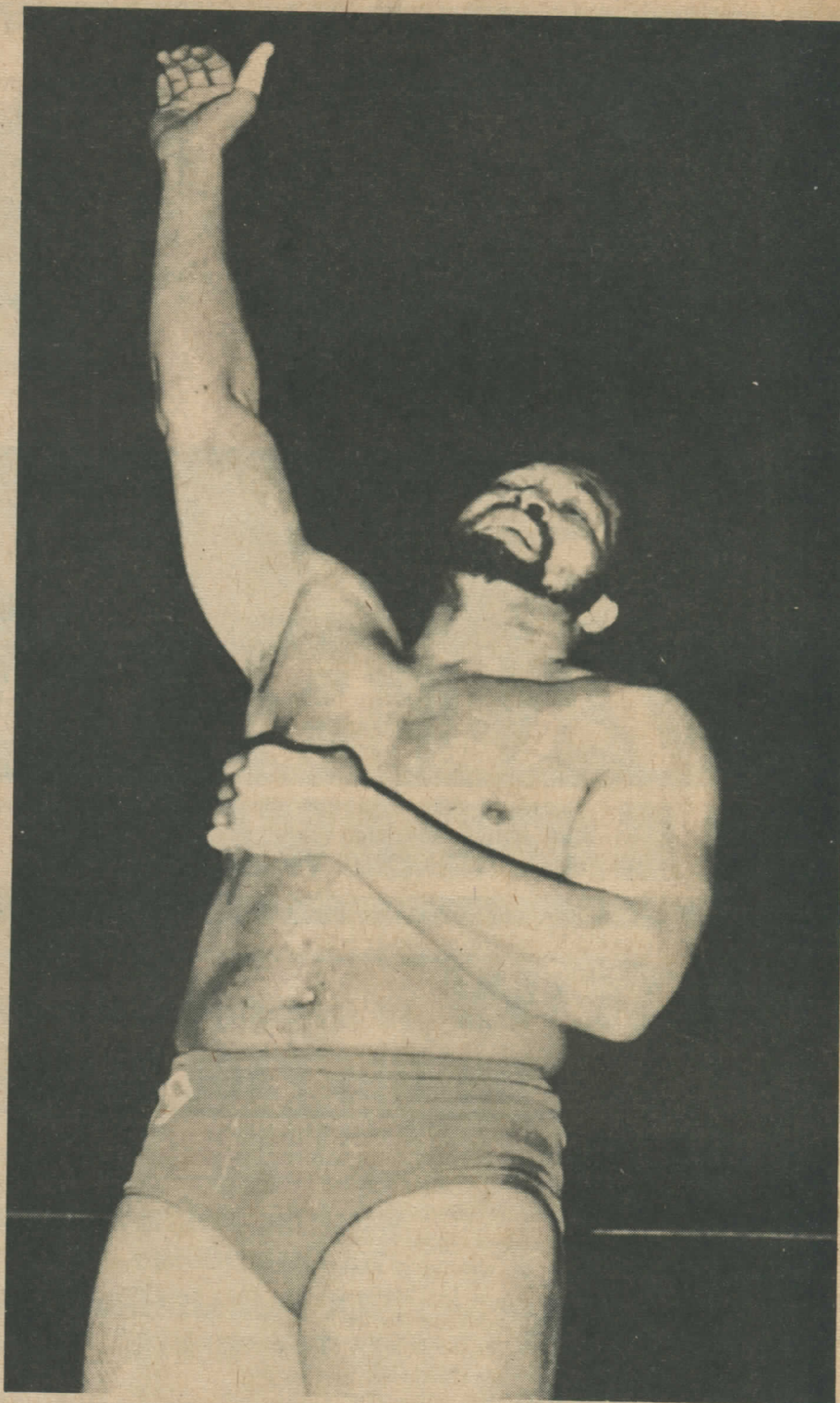
and onto the arena floor. Ladd followed him out, where the two went at it, swinging relentlessly at each other.

The referee counted to ten, as both men continued to slug it out. Finally, both were counted out. But they didn't stop fighting! Ellis grabbed a chair and smashed it over Ladd's head. Ellis then entered the ring again, meeting face to face with Heenan. Heenan ran to the corner, where Ellis went after him and bull-dogged him to the mat. Ellis then made his departure to an arousing ovation.

Heenan rushed to Ladd's side, and helped him to his feet. Irritating the fans even more, Heenan raised Ladd's hand in victory, which was met by thousands of boos. Both re-entered the ring, as Heenan grabbed the microphone from the announcer and said, "You morons just saw how my man wiped the mat with that cowboy. Well now we want a match with that beer drinking slob, the Bruiser." By this time, the fans were getting so restless, that you couldn't hear what else Heenan had to say.

Next, Ladd took over the announcing duties and shouted, "Now that I have taken care of that Farmer Ellis, I demand a match with the Bruiser. Do you hear me Bruiser? I want you Bruiser, I want to get you in this ring and KILL you Bruiser! I'm the King of Wrestling, and what the King wants, the King gets."

Heenan and Ladd waited and waited, but Bruiser never arrived. Dick the Bruiser wasn't interested in any shouting match. When the right time comes, Bruiser will take care of this "King" inside the ropes.



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# LOVE OF TRAVEL MAY START MONIQUE ON ROAD TO PRO WRESTLING SUCCESS

If a young, single girl wants to see the world, she has several choices — marry a jet-setter, join the armed forces, become an international model or stewardess, or become a world-famous professional wrestler.

Monique Mathewson has already seen many parts of the world. "I was what they commonly called an army 'Brat' in that my father was in the United States Army. Since he was transferred several times, I got to do a lot of travelling in Europe and the Far East. However, I was too young to really enjoy it."

"That's one reason I got into modelling as I figured this would give me an opportunity to travel and see the things that I missed or didn't understand as a child."

"Unfortunately, I find the modelling schedule very restrictive in that I'm constantly on the go from one place to another and seldom get to see the cities that I've visited like Paris and Rome. I guess I shouldn't complain, there are probably a lot of girls who would be more than happy to trade places with me," she said with a coy smile.

Monique has been a long-time wrestling fan. "It's a truly international sport and my father was a big fan so I got an early taste of it. At first, I didn't like the sport because of all the violence but as I grew older I began to realize how much skill and science is involved in becoming a top-notch professional wrestler."

Since, it's absolutely necessary that models stay in the best of shape — although it's difficult to see how anyone could find anything wrong with Monique's shape — Miss Mathewson occasionally has to pay a visit to a gymnasium to work off the extra pounds she sometimes accumulates during a break in her modelling schedule.

"I was at a gym in California and I saw a couple of girls wrestling in the ring. I thought they were just doing it for fun, and was really surprised when one of the other observers pointed out that they were members

of one of the many amateur wrestling clubs for women which have sprung up recently throughout the U.S.A.

"My curiosity got the best of me and we sat down and had a long chat about wrestling for women," explained Monique.

It wasn't long before Monique took an active interest in the sport — "I'm just a beginner, but I'm very enthusiastic," explains the shapely blonde — but others who have seen Miss Mathewson in the ring feel she has the potential to make the grade as a professional grappler if she so desires.

"Naturally, I couldn't combine a pro wrestling career with modelling, but I must admit that the thought of being a wrestler, particularly a professional, does appeal to me.

"I understand Mildred Burke runs a school for girls who want to be wrestlers. Who knows? Perhaps when I'm ready to quit modelling and give pro wrestling a fling, I'll go and see what she could do for me.

"I know from reading various wrestling magazines that the women wrestlers are popular around the world. That would really be the life, the thrill of professional wrestling, being well paid and having the opportunity to travel on my own. Who could ask for anything more?"

For the time being, it appears modelling's gain is wrestling's loss as Monique Mathewson obviously isn't ready to give up her security as a model for the chance to become a wrestler.

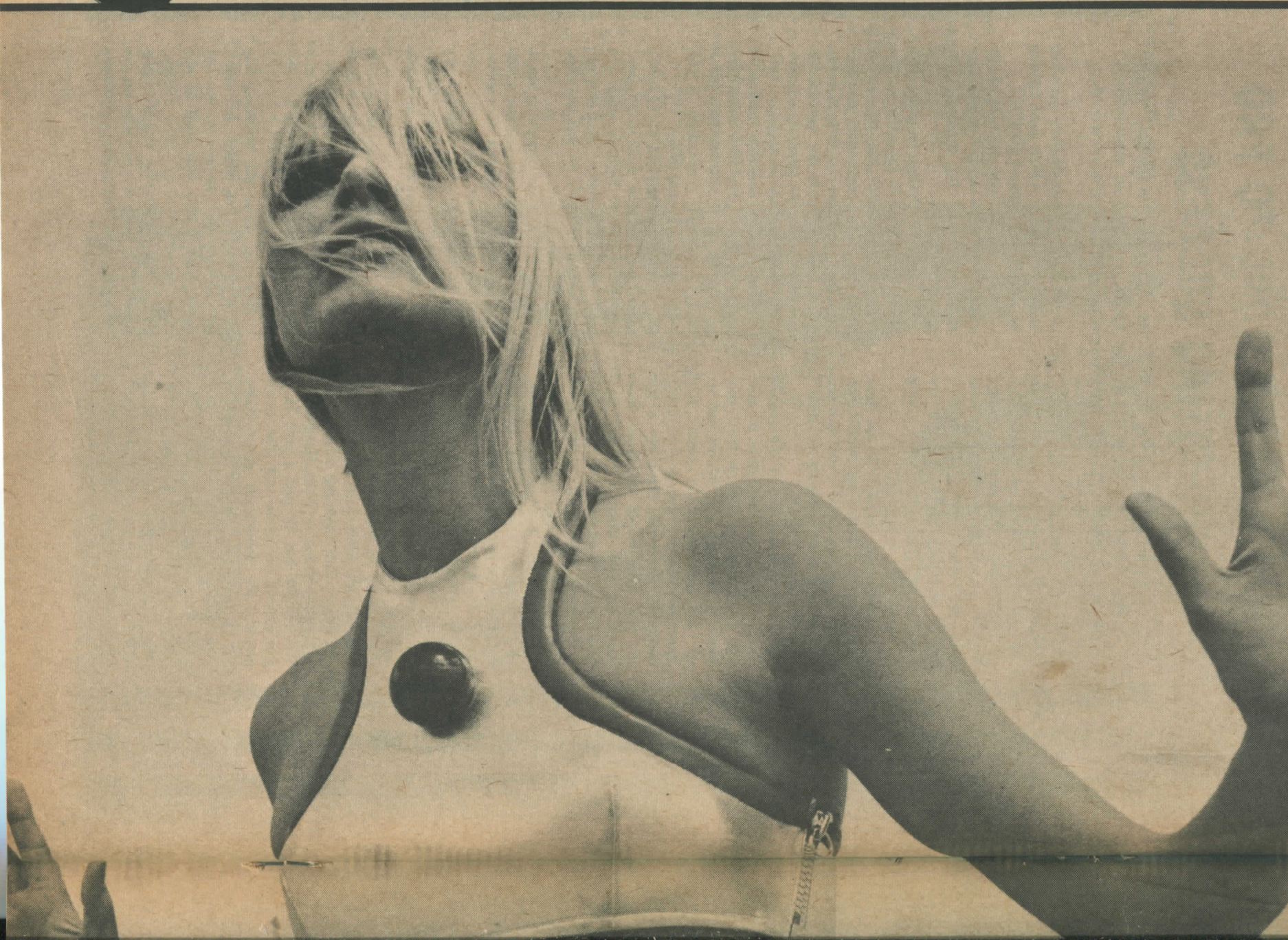
However, once the wrestling bug bites, it's hard to shake. So, don't be surprised if sometime in the not too distant future you read in this magazine or one of our sister publications, Wrestling Monthly and Wrestling Revue, that there is a new star on the rise in the grappling galaxy — Monique Mathewson.



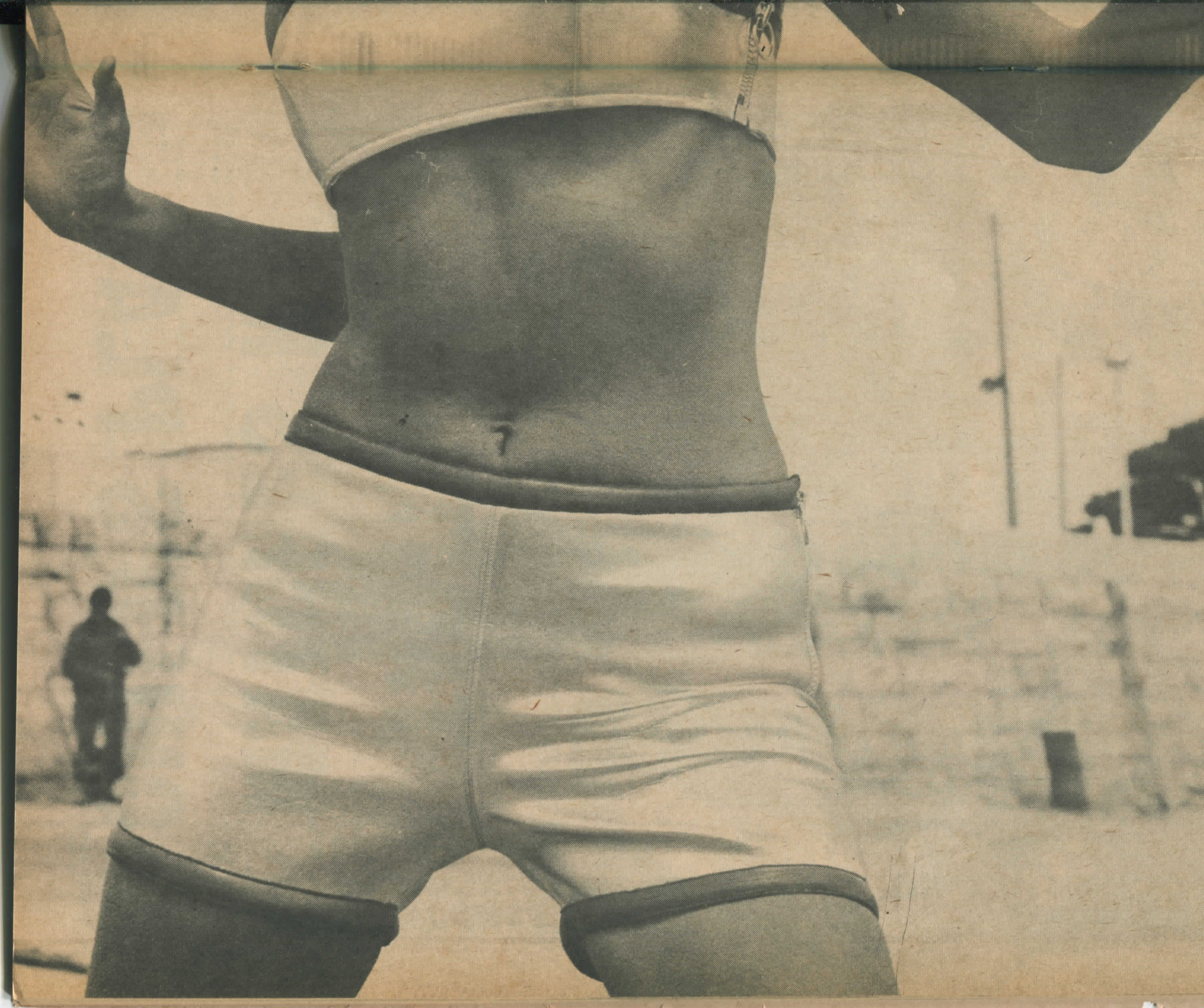
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The combatants are introduced with the good guys, Pepper Martin and Jerry Monti, in one corner and the dastardly duo of Mr. Saito Masked Invader No. 2 in the other.

# TAG-TEAM MATCHES NO CHILD'S PLAY

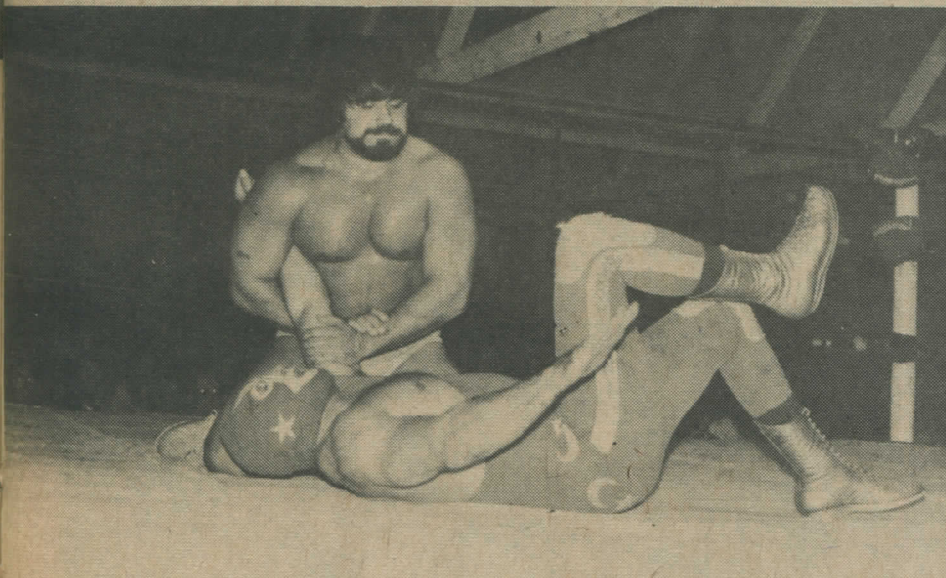
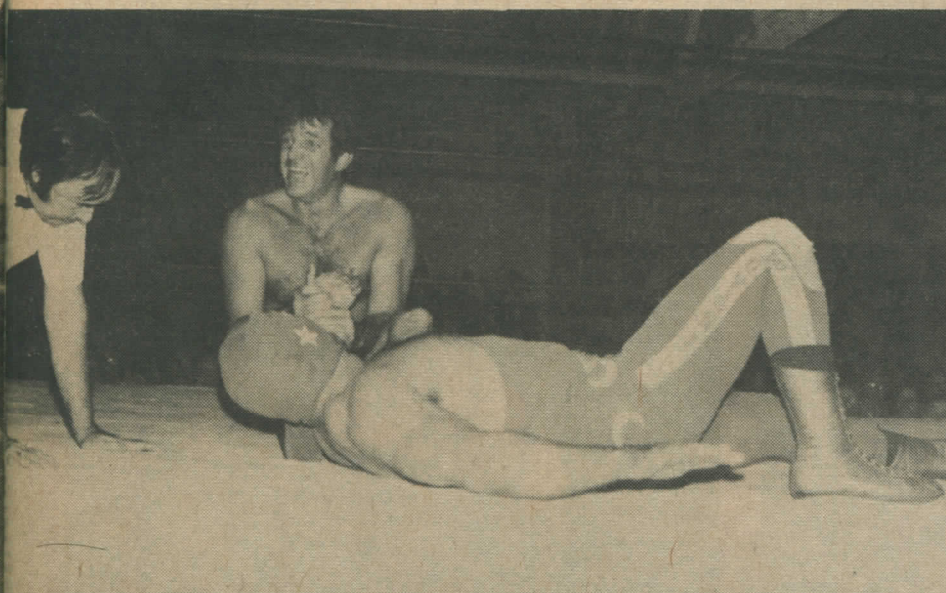


Tag is a children's game in which one person, who is 'it', chases the other persons for the purpose of tagging one of them and making that play 'it'.

However, when the word 'tag' is applied to the wonderful world of professional wrestling, there is nothing childish about it.

In fact, tag-team bouts have become such an important part of the grappling game that seldom is a wrestling card presented without at least one tag-team bout as part of the program.

In the early going, Martin and Monti had things all their own way with an exhibition of scientific wrestling which is seldom seen in the rough-and-tumble, rock-'em, sock-'em world of modern-day wrestling.



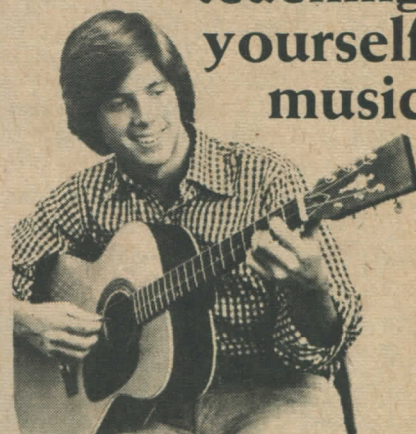
Martin and Monti took turns working on the Invader's left arm with Monti seeming to really enjoy his work.

Modesto mat fans were recently treated to tag-team wrestling at it's best when the 'good guys' — Pepper Martin and Jerry Monti — teamed up against the dastardly duo — Mr. Saito and Invader No. 2.

Martin and Monti switched off regularly while giving the villains a going-over with bodyslams, backdrops, flying dropkicks and various arm and leg holds.

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time before one of the bad guys would be forced to call it quits or be softened up enough for a pin.

However, Monti made the mistake of being manoeuvred too close to the villains' corner and paid dearly for his error.

While Monti was keeping his eyes on Saito, the Masked Invader reached over the ropes and grabbed hold of Monti's arms.

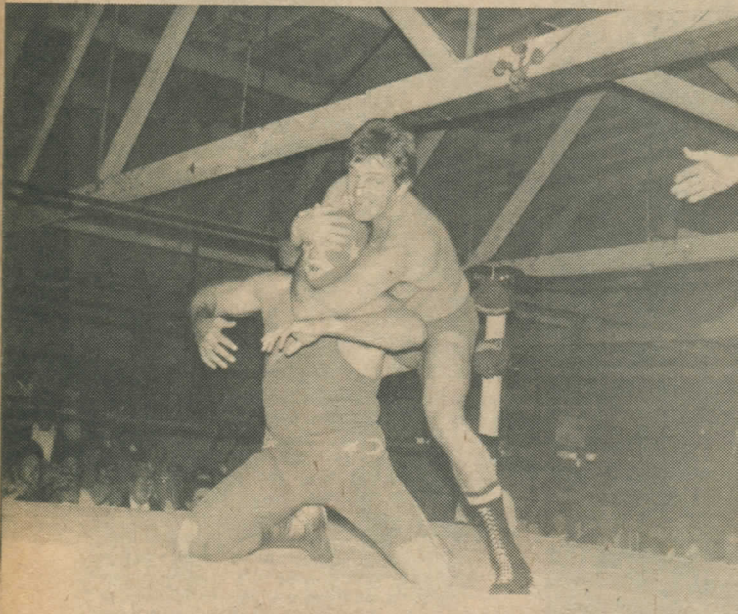
Saito then delivered a vicious kick to the midsection which took all the steam and fight out of Monti.

Stunned and gasping for breath, Monti was easy game for Saito who quickly took advantage of his opponent's condition to deliver a series of brutal karate and judo chops.

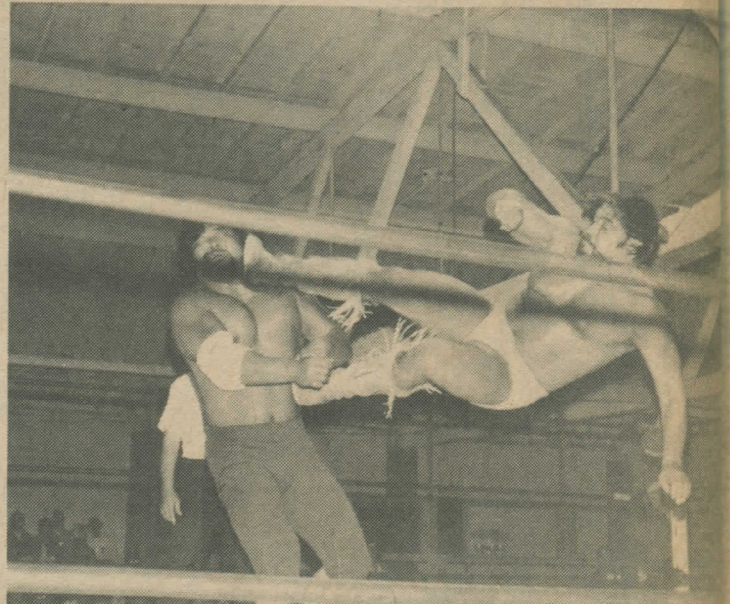
Monti was obviously in no shape to fight back, but the dastardly duo still wasn't satisfied as they continued to doubleteam Monti while breaking every rule in the book.

When Monti was virtually unconscious after this brutal attack, Saito applied the finishing touch with the Japanese stomach claw.

# DASTARDLY DUO TOPS GOOD GUYS



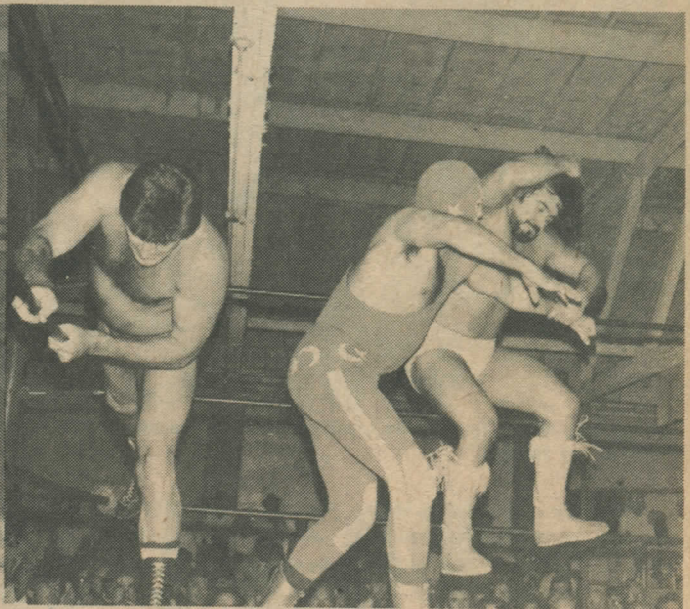
It looked like curtains for the masked man as Monti went to work on a sleeper hold, but Mr. Saito interfered to save his partner from defeat.



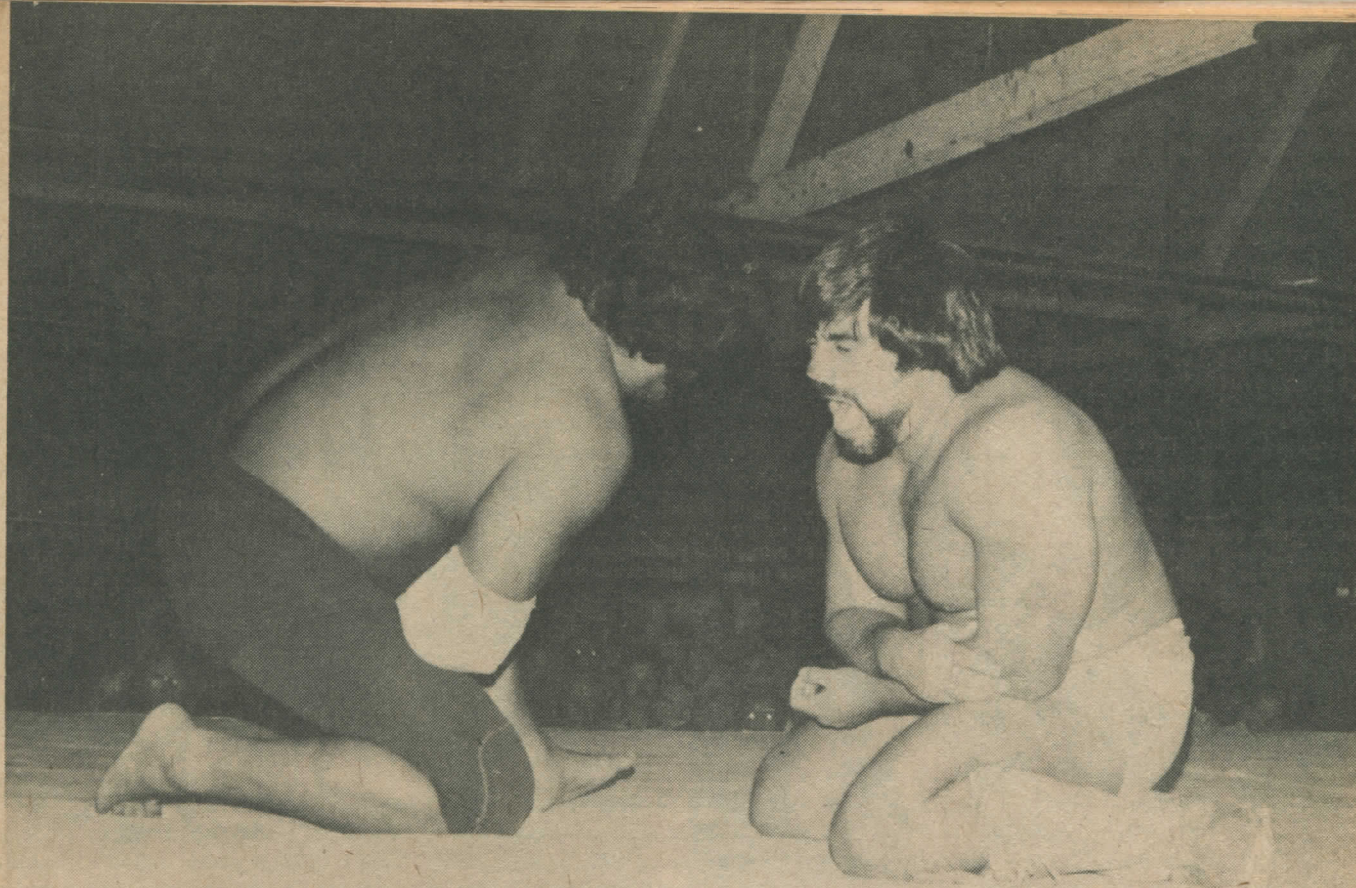
When Mr. Saito finally got into the ring legally he received a rude reception from Martin, who greeted him with a foot in the face from a flying dropkick.



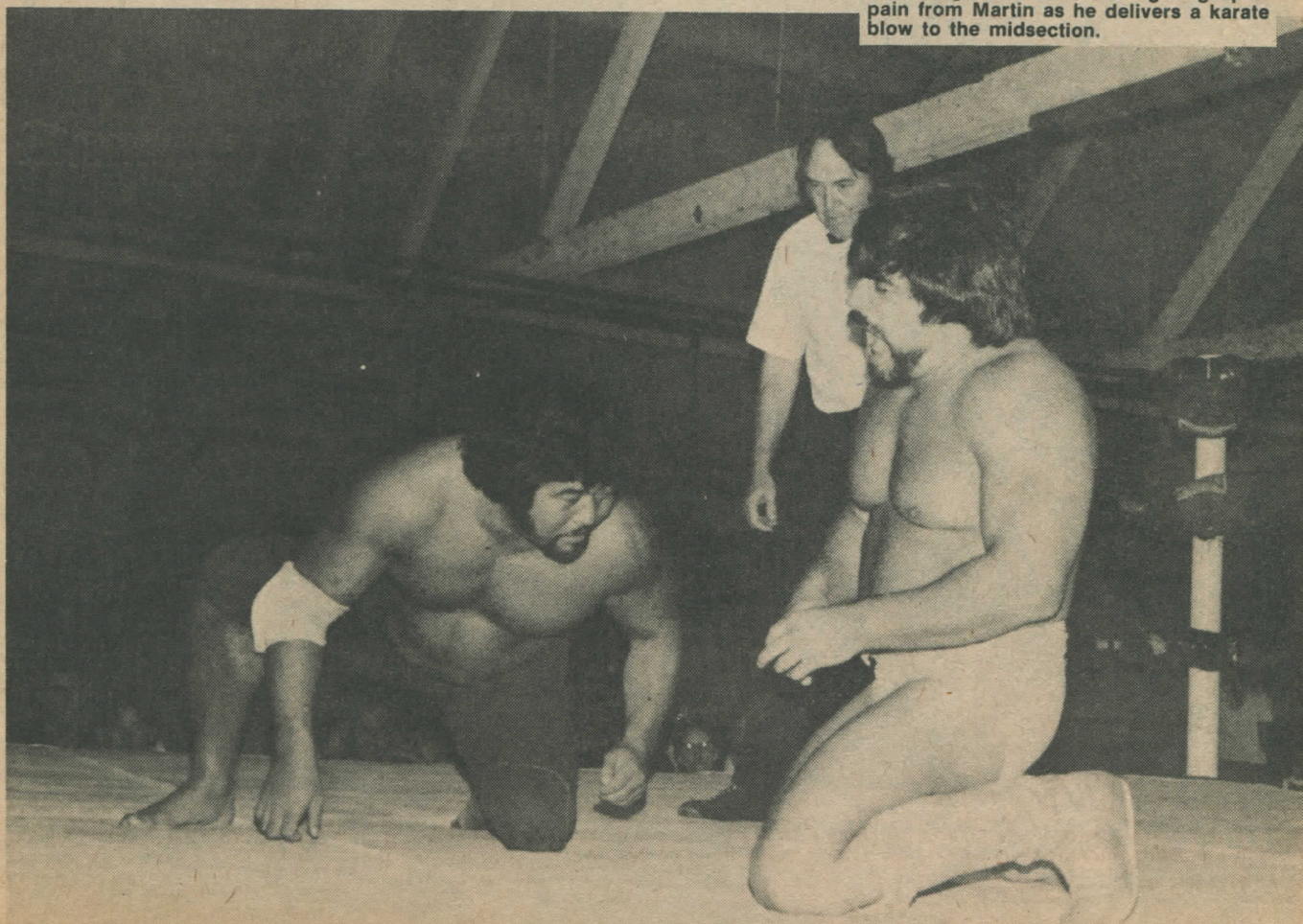
Monti reaches over the ropes to make a legal tag with Martin, who is giving The Invader's arm quite a goingover. While Monti climbs through the ropes, Monti delivers an elbow smash to the head of the Invader to soften him up for his partner.



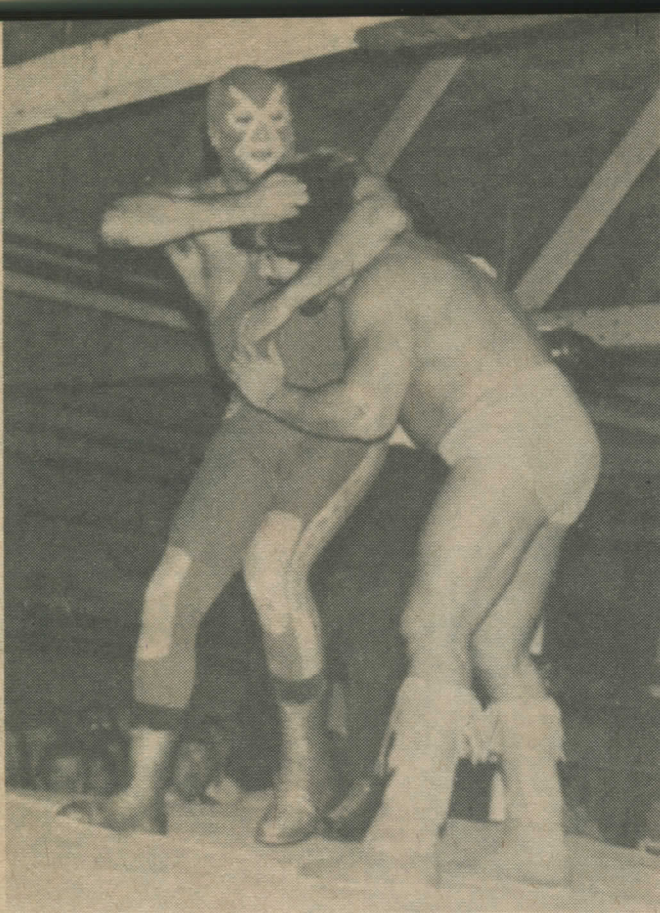




Dr. Saito and Martin got into a knee-to-knee slugfest and Saito brings a gasp of pain from Martin as he delivers a karate blow to the midsection.







Martin appears ready to break a headlock when the Invader simply grabbed hold of Pepper's hair.



A high-flying Dr. Saito is making life miserable for Martin as he lies on the canvas.



The end is near for Jerry Monti as Dr. Saito applies an illegal choke hold. Saito and the Invader double teamed Monti with a vicious assault to steal the victory.



# GAL GRAPPLERS NO SOUTHERN BELLES WHEN THEY CLIMB BETWEEN THE ROPES

In the Southern United States, gentlemen are supposed to prefer Southern belles, those quiet, refined ladies who graduate from the best finishing schools and are usually dressed in the height of fashion.

However, the Southland's wrestling fans don't like the belle-like type, at least not when these gal grapplers climb through the ropes to do battle.

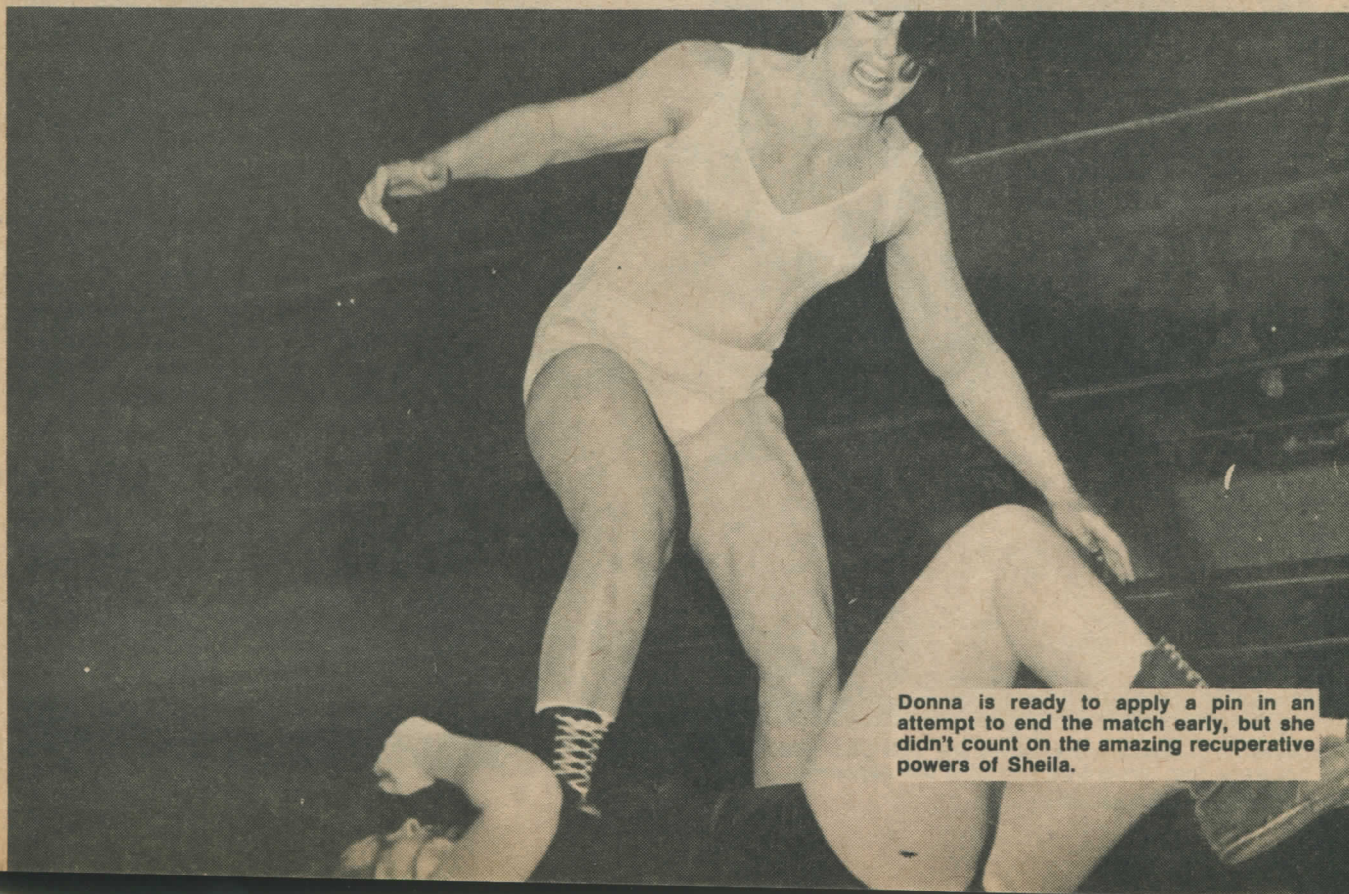
Donna Christinello and Sheila Shepard gave the fans in Charleston, S.C., what they like to see when they engaged in a recent bout.

The Women's Lib movement would have been proud of both Donna and Sheila as they took turns dishing out punishment in a rock-'em sock-'em, no-holds-barred, no-quarter-asked-or-given bout which would have done a

couple of male barroom or back-alley brawlers proud.

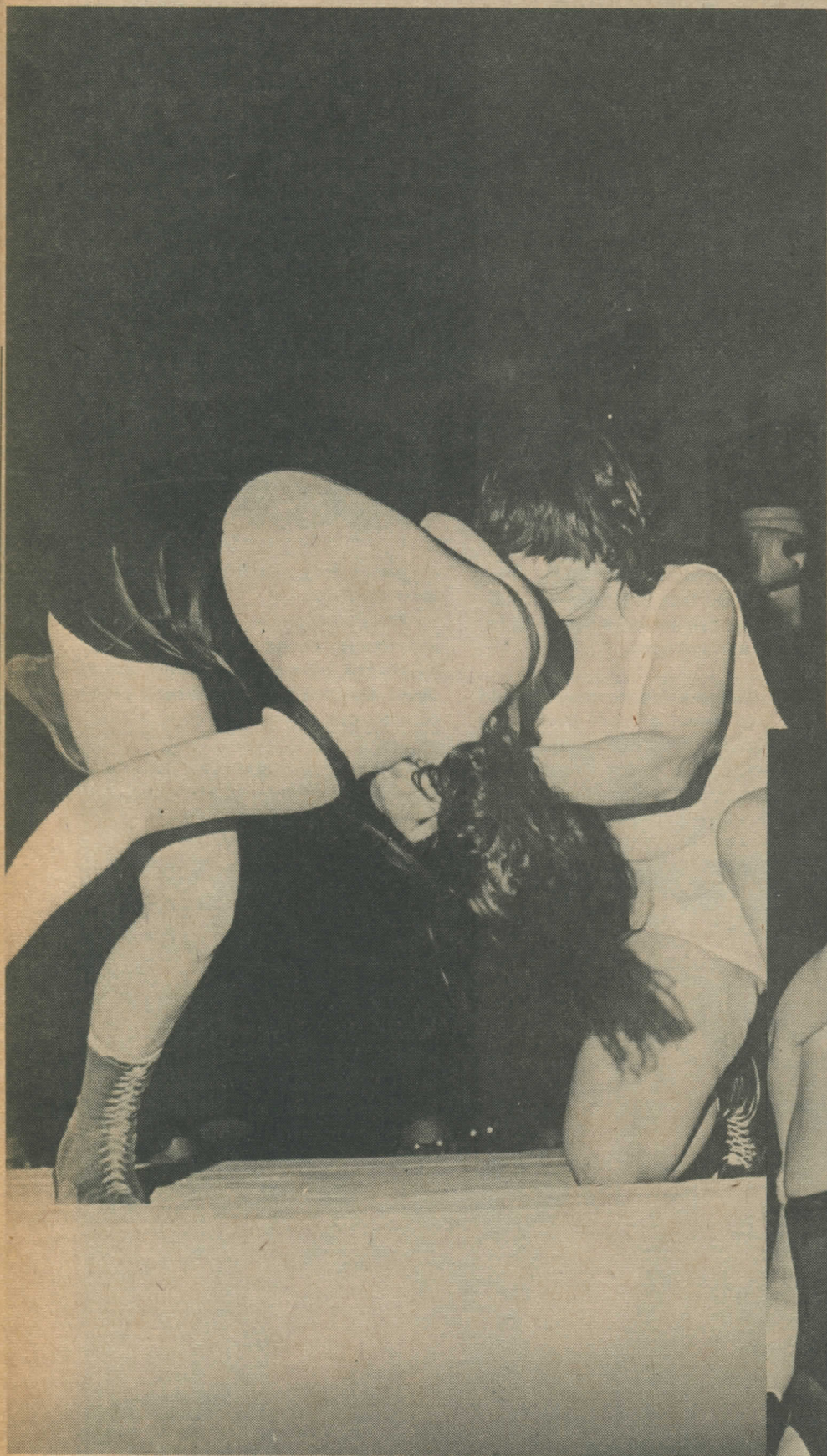
There's no doubt that both Donna and Sheila are all female, but their unladylike behavior in the ring was a direct contrast to the Southern Belle conduct one expects of women in that area.

However, the wrestling fans just loved all the action, and who could ask for more.



Donna is ready to apply a pin in an attempt to end the match early, but she didn't count on the amazing recuperative powers of Sheila.

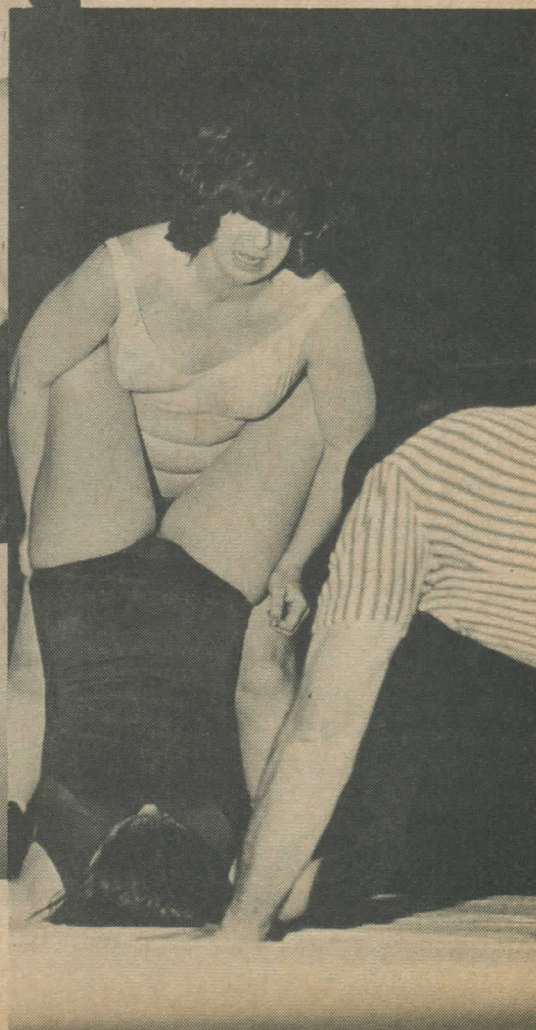




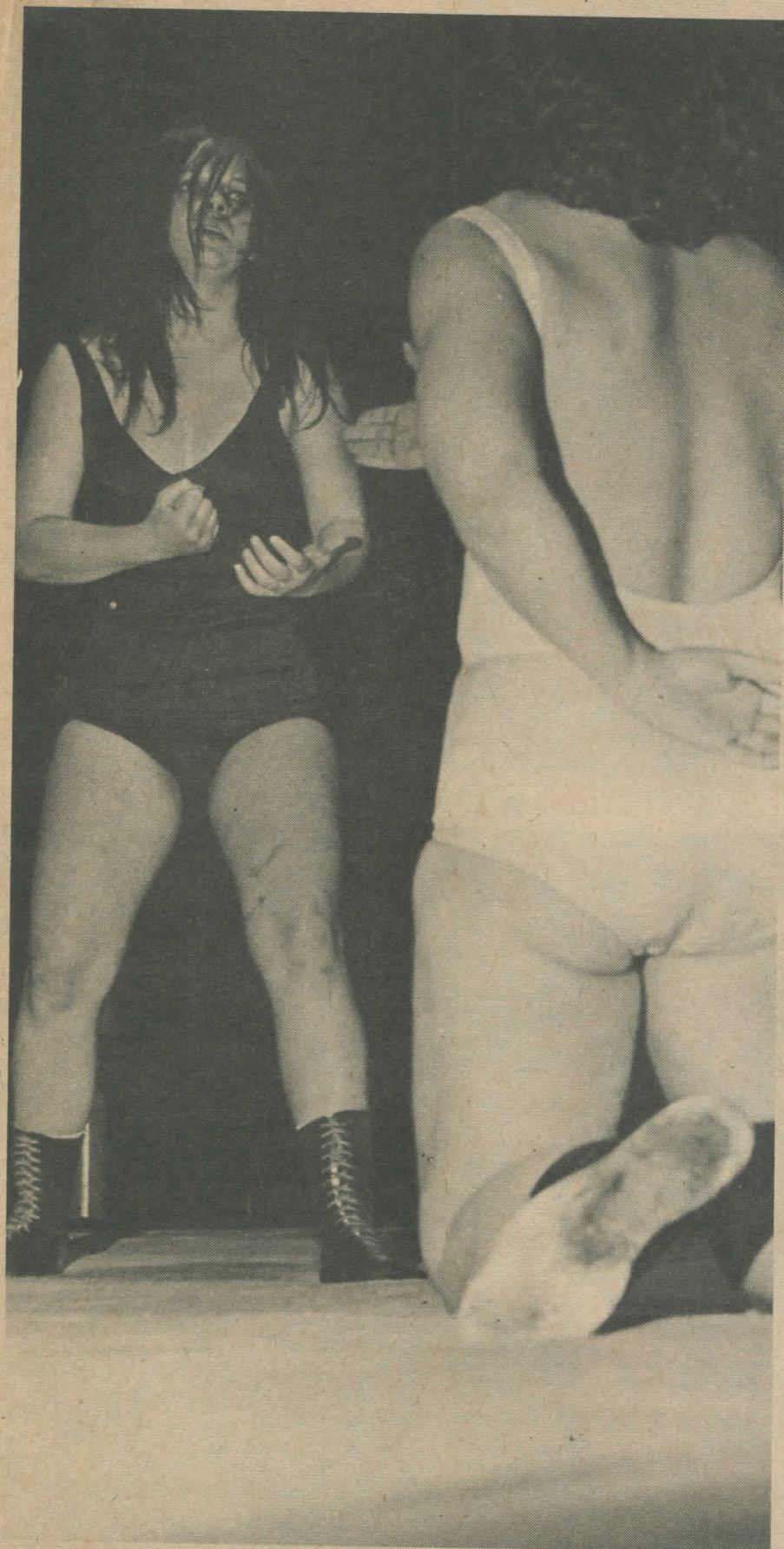
Donna then flips Sheila to the canvas and after getting her there, proceeds to put her worst foot forward by stomping her opponent.



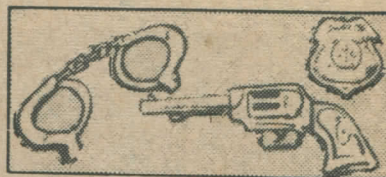
Donna Chrisinello appears to be cutting off Sheila Sheppard's air supply during the early moments of their battle.







With Sheila in command of the bout, a kneeling Donna is more than happy to shake hands and let bygones be bygones.



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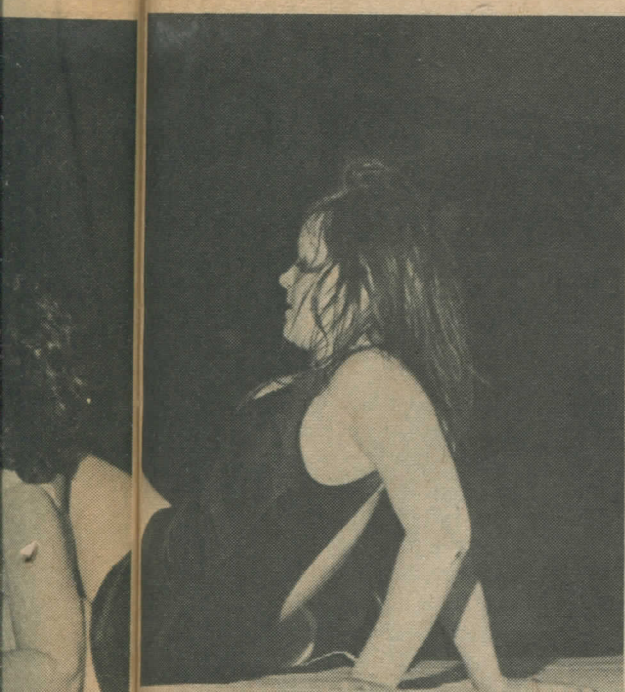


Bouncing back, Sheila throws Donna to the canvas then catches her foot in the vice-like grip of a body scissors which doesn't bring Donna any pleasure.



Sheila Sheppard heads back to the dressing room with another victory under her belt while some of her admirers look on.





Sheila is having none of Donna's soft soap, quickly pins her opponent and has her arm raised in victory by referee Sonny Fargo.

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# Wrestling Wrapup

The name John Czarnecki may not mean much to wrestling fans. In fact, Czarnecki only won one of nine bouts in his first year as a member of the Menominee, Mich., High School wrestling squad.

Yet John Czarnecki is one of the bravest competitors to ever take part in an amateur or professional wrestling match. The 15-year-old youngster has been blind since birth.



(Photo by Gene Gordon)  
Veteran wrestler John 'Wolfman' Smith with his wife Evelyn. 'Wolfman' is still going strong in Florida rings although he makes an occasional tour of the Carolina-Virginia circuit. Smith owns a bar in Tampa, Fla., and when her husband is on the road Evelyn looks after the business.

John learned the basics of wrestling at the Michigan School for the Blind in Lansing, but decided to attend a regular high school even though there were no special facilities to compensate for his lack of sight.

Czarnecki surprised everyone by going out for the junior varsity wrestling team and landing a berth on the squad.

"It was quite a challenge for John to compete against athletes who could see," said Menominee coach Russ Waypa. "It was quite a challenge for the rest of us, too, since we'd never had a blind wrestler on the team before."

Michigan rules stipulate that John and his opponent must be touching at the start of each period and take-downs from behind are prohibited.

"I like athletics. It gives me a thrill to go out there and compete. It winds me up whether I win or lose," stated Czarnecki.

John showed great courage and pluck in just going out for the wrestling team, but the 15-year-old was somewhat discouraged as he headed into the final match of the season with a record of no wins and eight losses.

To make matters worse, he was a decided underdog against an opponent who was considerably heavier than the 119-pound Czarnecki.

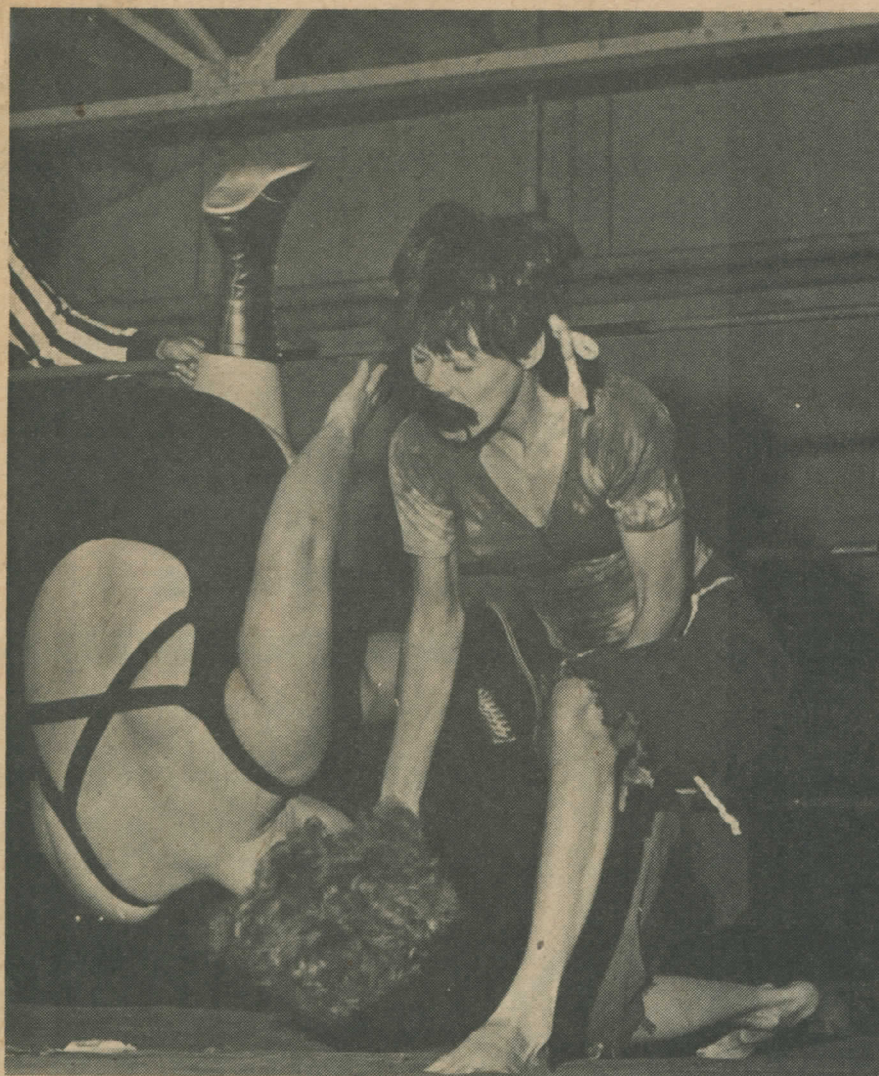
However, John won a decision and all the obstacles he had overcome by hard work seemed worthwhile.

"I didn't expect to win all the time, I didn't even expect to win once. I'm glad I did though. To tell the truth, I felt pretty good and was pretty happy for myself," stated Czarnecki.

"John has learned from the people he's come in contact with, and I think the people have learned from John," said coach Waypa.

The name John Czarnecki will never become a household word like those of Bruno Sammartino, Verne Gagne, Superstar Billy Graham, etc. However, when it comes to





(Photo by Gene Gordon)  
Women wrestlers are popular throughout the world, and one of the brightest stars in the girls' grappling galaxy is Daisy Mae, who is shown throwing Sherri West en route to a victory in Rock Hill, S.C.

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personal courage and determination, Czarnecki doesn't take a back seat to anyone.

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## NANCY HOGLE

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For a change, Judell has the upper hand, or should we say, arm, as she starts twisting Nancy's right arm.

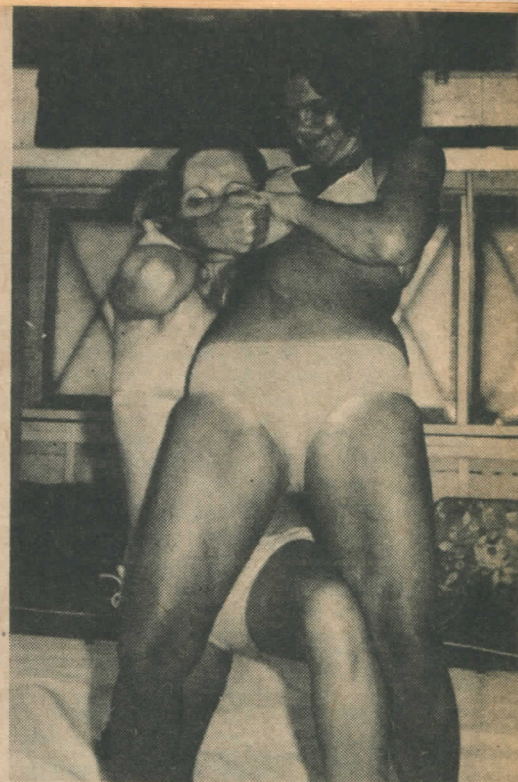




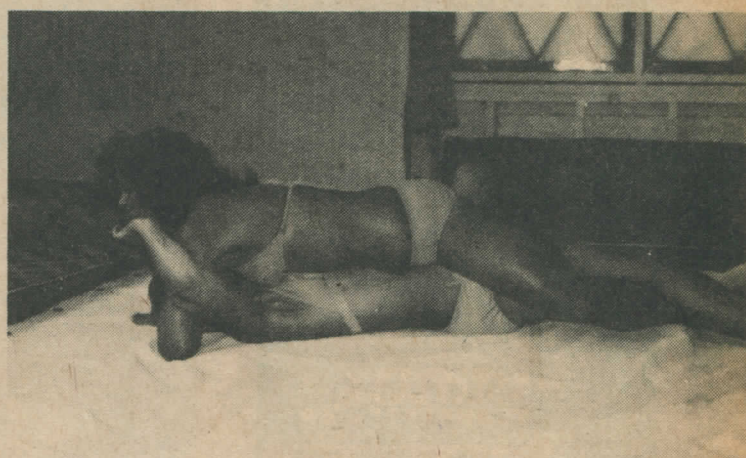


Fortunately for Judell, pins didn't count as there was no way DuLong could have prevented a pin by Nancy in this position.

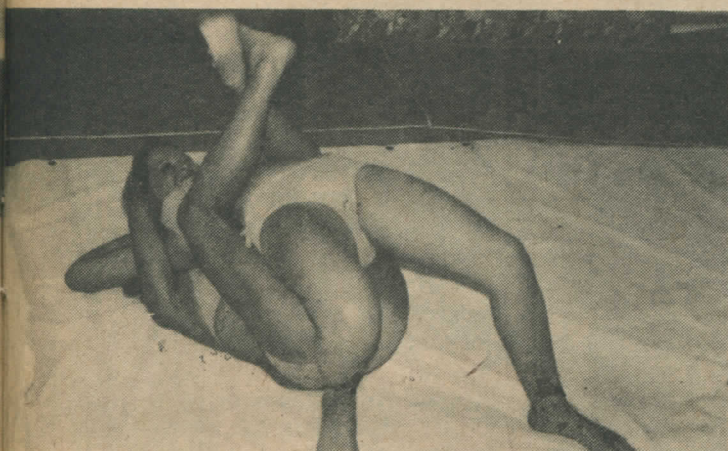
Judell applies extreme pressure as Nancy tries to free herself from the painful headlock.



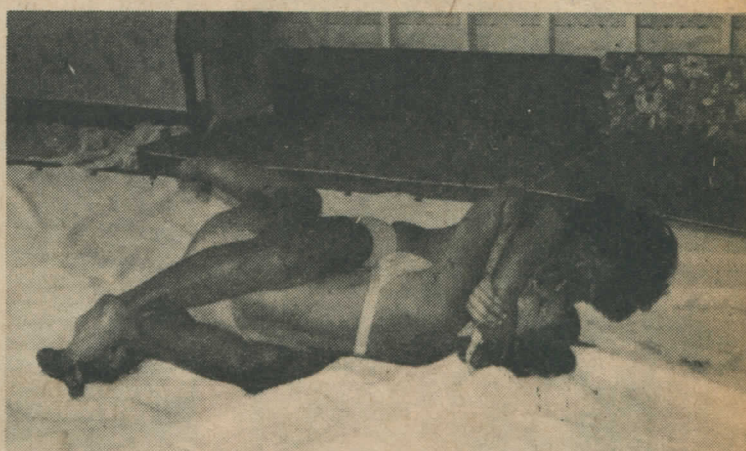
Having fallen to the mat after slipping out of the headlock, Nancy tries to fight off the aggressive Judell with her feet.



Judell has Nancy's legs grapevined as she applies pressure to Hogle's head.



The outlook is bleak indeed for Nancy as Judell applies pressure to her body with a leg scissors while continuing to apply pressure to her head and neck as well.



A last-gasp attempt to bridge herself free from Judell leg scissors fails and when DuLong continued to suck her breath out with her powerful legs Hogle finally was forced to concede after 12 minutes.



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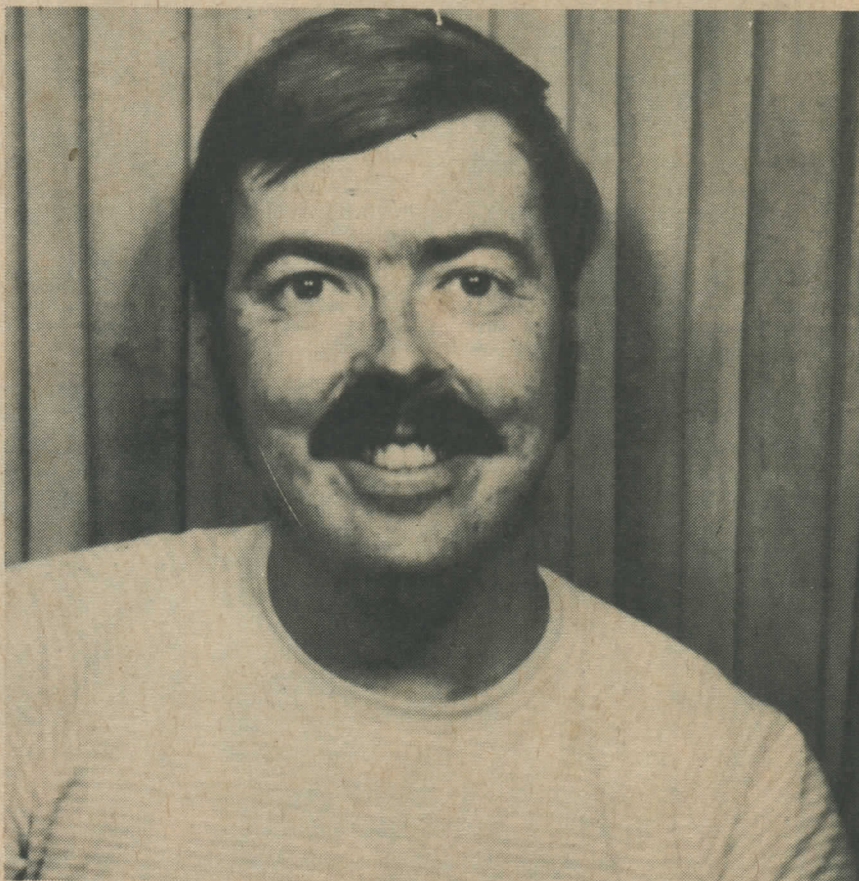
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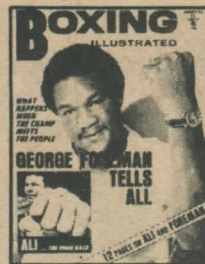
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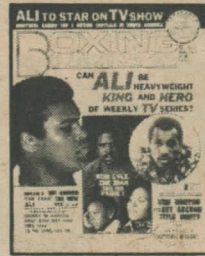
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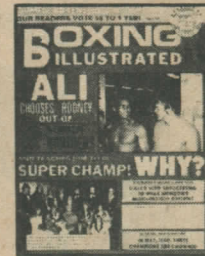
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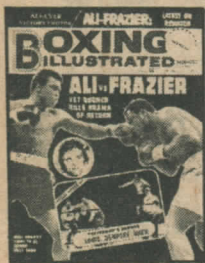
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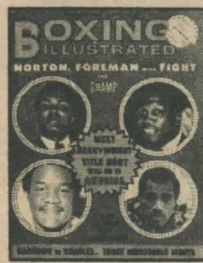
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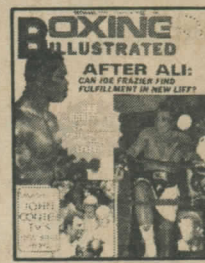
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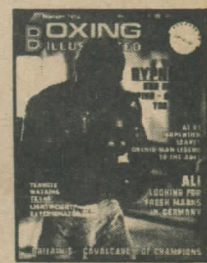
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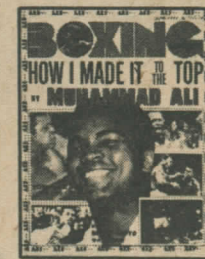
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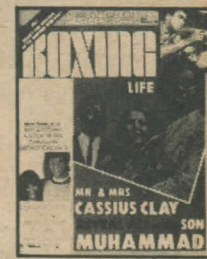
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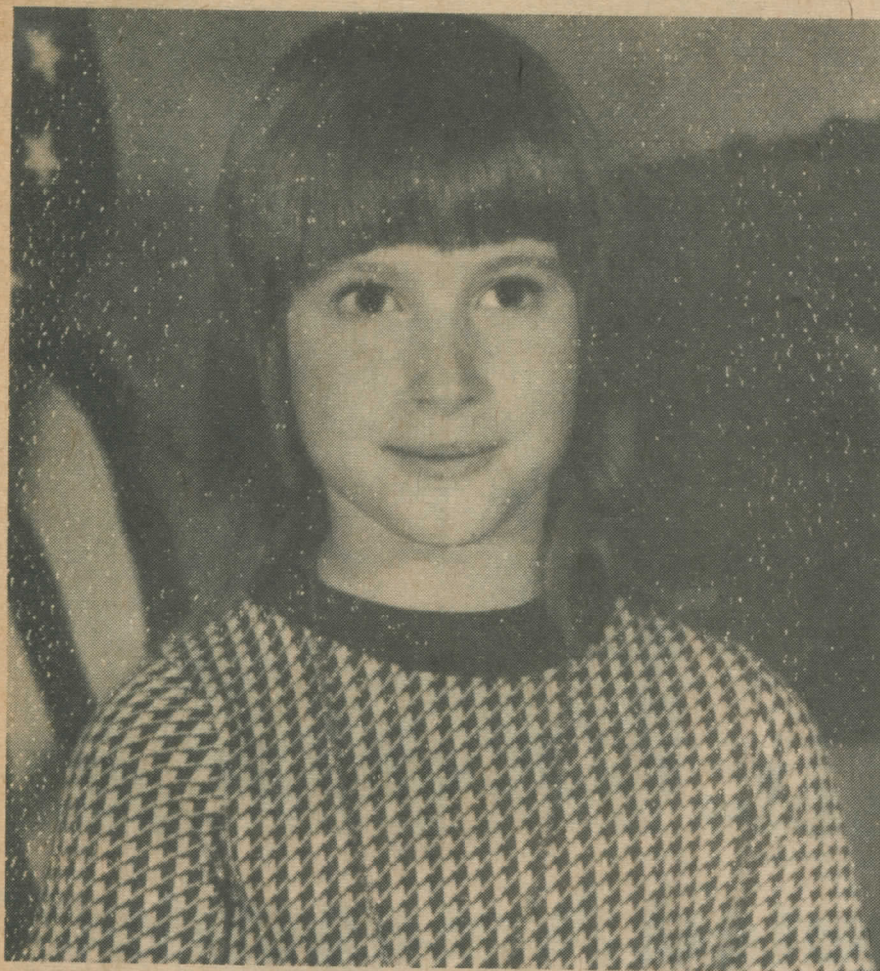
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Age: 17

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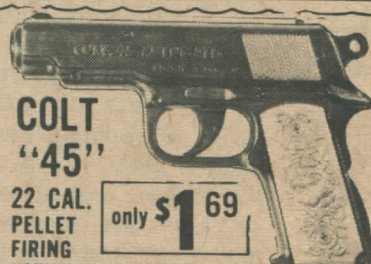
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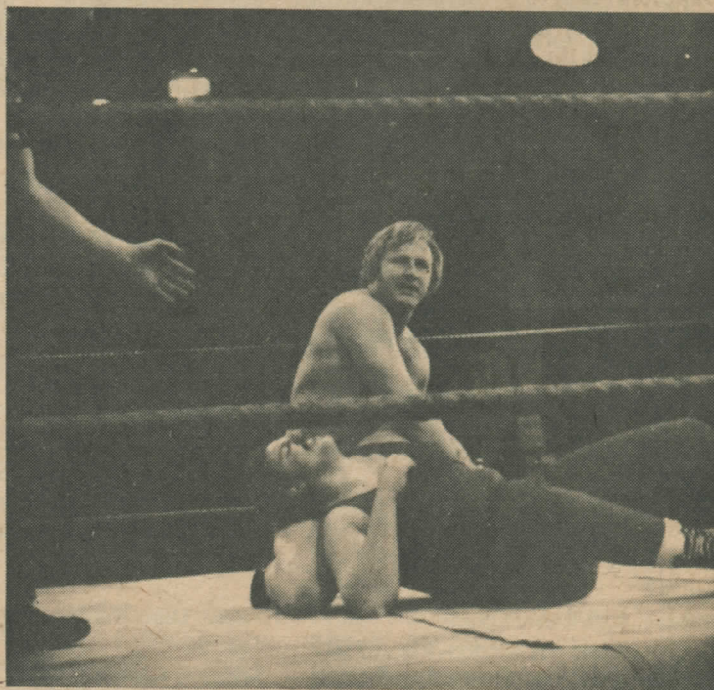
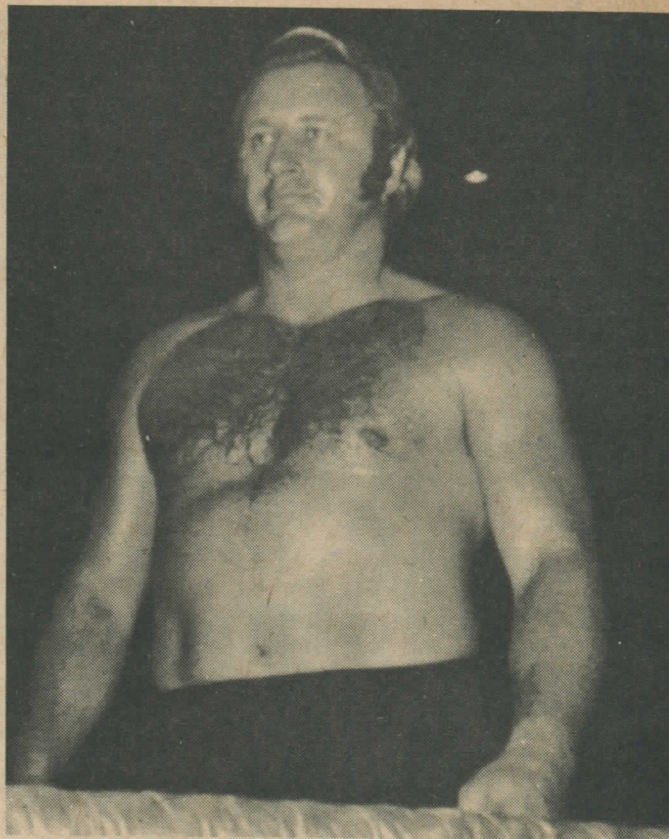
## Nick Bockwinkel-

## "The Educated Antagonist!"

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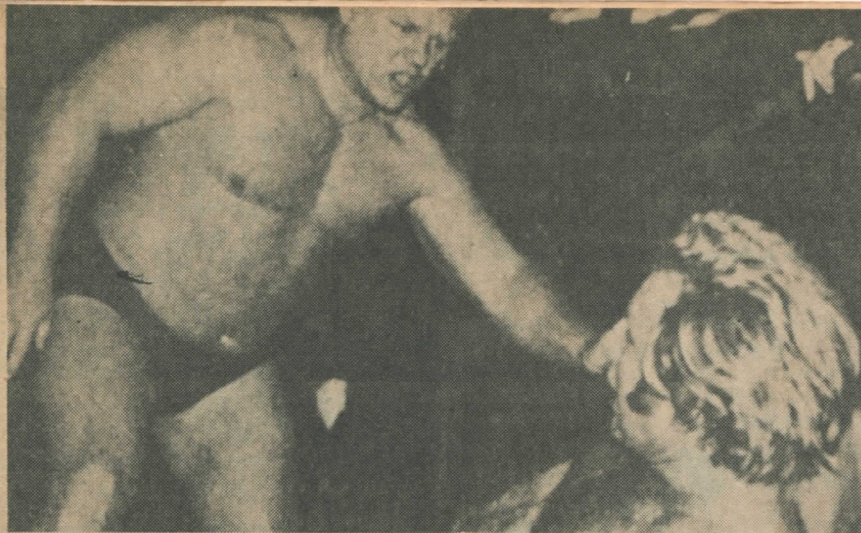
It was indeed a sight to behold. Here was Mad Dog Vachone, the balding, ape-like, spitting, growling and vicious former AWA world champion, at his very meanest. He was clawing, gouging, kicking and ripping at his opponent, a ruggedly handsome, 245-pound blond with blue eyes and a streamlined physique. Not too unusual a scene, until you take into account that the Dog was being given a rousing ovation from a packed crowd in Minneapolis for his actions! Indeed, this animalistic specimen who had topped the hate parade for so many years, was being encouraged to continue his slaughter on his foe. The reason? His foe was Nick Bockwinkel.

It is indeed hard to imagine, but Nick Bockwinkel has surpassed the hatred vented towards a man who mangled Verne Gagne so many



*Bockwinkel will repeatedly punish his foe, totally indifferent to any warnings from the referee.*





The Crusher stands over Nick Bockwinkel in this picture, but Nick got up to score another victory.

years back. Nick Bockwinkel has surpassed the hatred vented towards Ivan Koloff, the Russian Bear, as was exemplified by the fact that Koloff was the crowd favorite against Bockwinkel, both in a singles match and in a tag bout with the Big K against Bockwinkel and Ray Stevens. And even those hated "Texas Outlaws," Dirty Dusty Rhodes and Dirty Dick Murdoch, had the crowd in a gleeful uproar while they pounded Bockwinkel.

What is it, then, that can cause fans to turn off resentment and turn on affection for those wrestlers they once despised, when those grapplers tangle with Nick Bockwinkel? What is it that makes Nick Bockwinkel the most hated wrestler in the AWA today?

The reasons in this case are differentiated from why a wrestling fan ordinarily feels seething resentment toward a grappler. In most cases, wrestling villainry is cut-and-dried. Your villain is generally a loud, vicious mauler who shouts his stuff on televised interviews as well as he dishes it out at the local arena. But Nick Bockwinkel is the black sheep of wrestling villains. He is not loud in his interviews, he does not have the image of an uneducated maniac, just itching to break someone's skull. On the contrary, Bockwinkel, a college graduate (from UCLA with a degree in marketing and trade), comes on that way in his interviews. He is soft-spoken and articulate, preferring thousand-dollar words to ifs and duhs. He lays facts on the line in such a manner as if to

say, "Here is the way things are, dummies — swallow it." Wrestling fans, as a lot, apparently don't want that thrown at them. Whether Bockwinkel speaks truth is not important, apparently — what is important is that the fans' heroes wipe the smile off his face, the terseness from his words, and make Bockwinkel eat his superior vocabulary. This is what pleases wrestling fans. This is what they pay to see. This is why Bockwinkel is the most despised grappler in the Minneapolis-Denver-Winnipeg circuit. How does Nick the man feel about the excessive violence of wrestling fans, more specifically when it is vented towards him in particular?

"The violence that exists in wrestling fans is basically the violence that is within all of us," Nick mused. "Living in a world that is half-animalistic and understanding the human by being a human, I would say that I respect the fans' violence more than I fear it."

Asked to elaborate, Nick continued, "Once you fear something, you are no longer in control. If you understand it, and respect it, then you have it together and you are in control."

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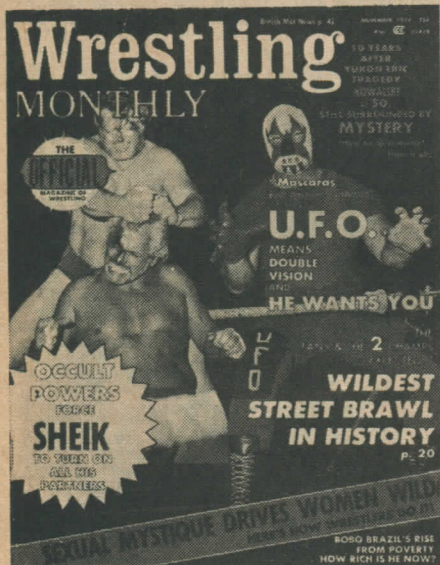
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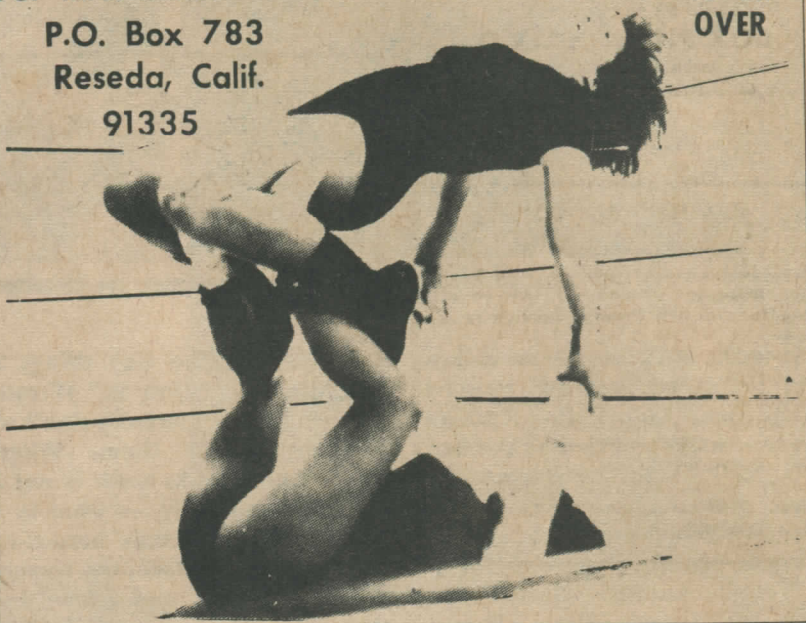
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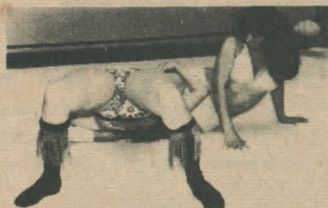
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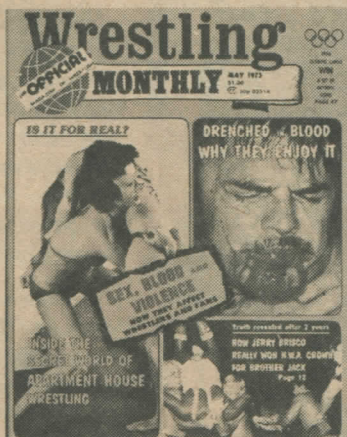
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My friend claims the Russian girl completely overwhelmed her French opponent and then trapped her in a body scissors. He was sitting at ring-side and swears that the Russian girl squeezed so hard that he could hear the French girl's ribs crack from the pressure and she was carried from the ring unconscious.

I have followed wrestling for many years and I have never heard of a woman with a powerful enough scissors to do this. I have told my friend that I can't believe the story, but he swears it's true.

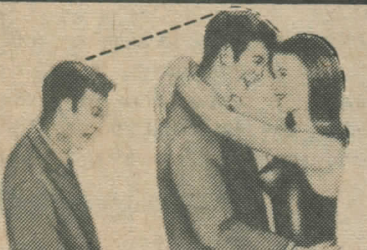
He suggested I write to a leading magazine such as yours, who might have foreign correspondents who could verify this story.

Can you help us out and see if anyone knows if there ever was a Russian woman wrestling under the name 'The Python', and, if so, was she strong enough to accomplish what he claims?

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Although I've never heard of 'The Python', perhaps one of our foreign correspondents like Michael Bezy in France can find out if such a girl did wrestle in Europe. As far as possessing such leg strength, it's entirely possible that someone, particularly a former ballerina, could develop such incredible strength by concentrating her training on one particular part of the body.)

#### PREFERS SCIENTIFIC MATCHES

Gentlemen:

I read most of the wrestling magazines, and just finished reading the June, 1976, issue of Wrestling Revue.

I was at the wrestling convention in Atlanta, Ga., and last year at the three-day convention in Boston, Mass., I was voted 'Wrestling Fan Of The Year' and received an award.

I was a professional wrestler back when Gotch, Stecher, Caddock, Lewis and Zbyszco were wrestling. These men were wrestlers. There was no jumping up and kicking someone in the face or chest, no eye-gouging, no hitting with the elbow, forearm or side of the fist. There was no jabbing someone in the throat with the fingers.

I go to all the exhibitions at the Hara Arena in Dayton, Ohio. There is very seldom a wrestling match. I like to see scientific matches. I do not like the practice of having a good guy and a bad guy.

I do not like to hear people shout at the wrestlers. When I go, I sit in my seat and keep my mouth shut. I watch the exhibitions and go home.

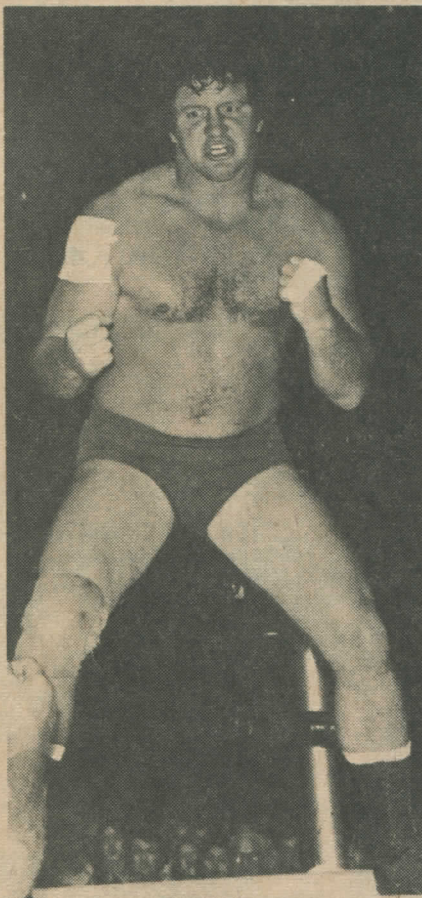
The Sheik and other wrestlers have been barred here because of their illegal use of foreign objects and throwing fire. Some fans have been barred from the arena for undue enthusiasm.

I like it quiet when I watch a match or exhibition, it is very uncouth for anyone to boo anyone.

I disagree with most of the statements made by your writer, Michele Dalton. You psychiatrist is mistaken, no one should hate anyone.

Sincerely,  
Martin L. Ryerson,  
Bradford, Ohio.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but arousing the fans is part of the grappling game and there is little doubt that attending wrestling matches and cheering the good guys or booing the villains helps some of the fans release some of their pent-up emotions. I'm afraid if Mr. Ryerson wants quiet while watching wrestling, he'll have to content himself with watching the action on television with the volume turned down.)



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Gentlemen:

I welcome this opportunity to sound off about my interest in professional wrestling. I saw my first television match at age three and my first live match at age nine.

I enjoy professional wrestling but have become disillusioned recently with the new National Wrestling Alliance world's champion Terry Funk.

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Among my favorite wrestling holds are the sleeper and the bulldog. I enjoy watching matches in which only a slight variance from the rules is apparent.

Thank you for your time. I would enjoy hearing from fans who truly enjoy Gulf Coast wrestling or who would like to know more about wrestling here.

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Roop said on television recently that doctors don't know yet whether he'll be able to wrestle again because of a knee injury caused by Graham.

I would ask all the wrestling fans who read your great book to write to the National Wrestling Alliance and demand that they bar Mike Graham from wrestling and bar the leglock.

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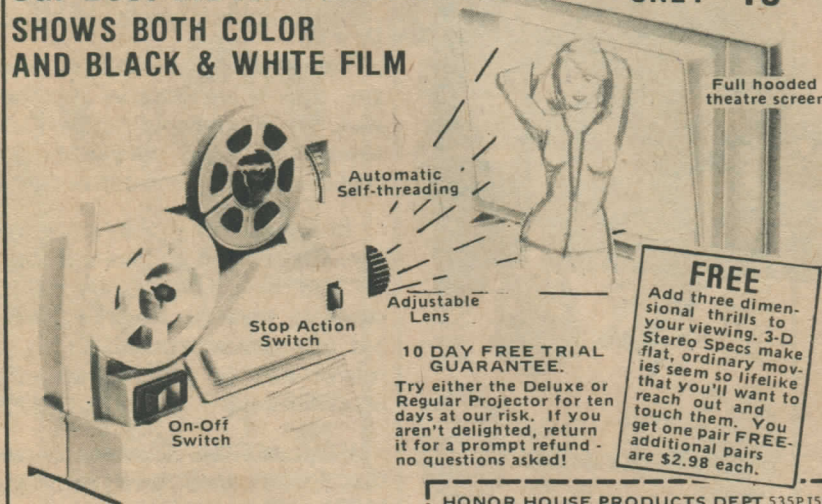
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# WRESTLING'S HALL OF FAME IN CALIFORNIA

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A sad ending indeed to a successful wrestling career.

The oldest sport in existence, wrestling, will finally have a bona fide Hall of Fame to call its own. The prestigious International Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum will be located in the world-famous Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood, Calif.

"They have Halls of Fame for baseball and football players but none for wrestlers," said former mat star Mike Mazurki. "It's about time we honored and paid tribute to the great mat heroes who made the gladiator sport the oldest and most popular."

The Hall will be under the auspicious and executive direction of Marshall Wright and Mazurki of the Cauliflower Alley Club.

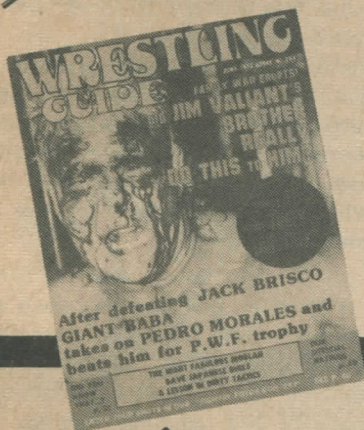
Many of matdom's living legends — like Lou Thesz, Whipper Billy Watson, Baron Michele Leone, Antonio Rocca, Bobo Brazil, Ed Don George, Dave Levin, the greatest of all gal grapplers Mildred Burke — and some of the late grappling greats — like Gorgeous George, Frank Gotch, Ed 'Strangler' Lewis, George Hackenschmidt — will be among those inducted when the Hall is open as part of the United States Bicentennial celebrations.

The Hall of Fame and Museum will feature rare movies of great championship matches, memorabilia of many

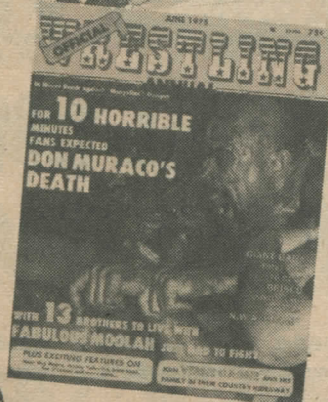
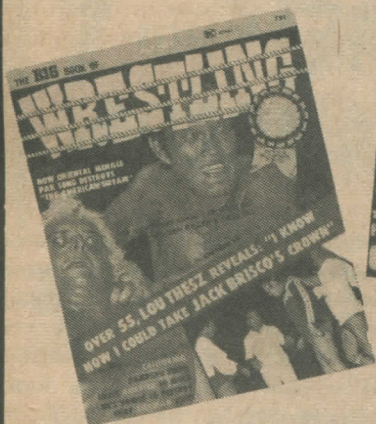
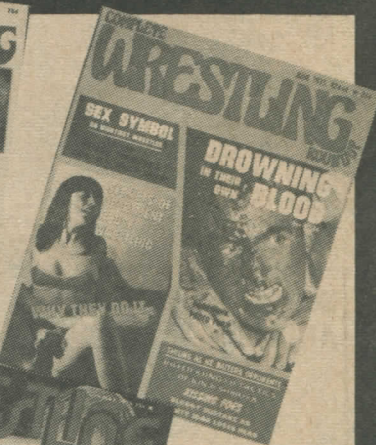
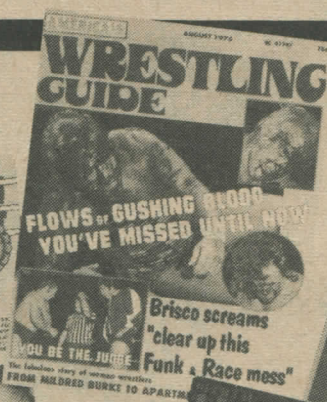


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A former heavyweight wrestling champion Dave Levin, who took the title from Ali Baba in 1936, is presented with an oil painting by movie and mat star Mike Mazurki while one of the all-time great women grapplers Maria Bernardi looks on. Levin is one of many wrestling stars inducted into the new wrestling Hall of Fame in Hollywood, Calif.

grappling greats like Mazurki and former California Wrestling Commissioner Everett Sanders who have donated historical collections of trophies, belts and films.

Oil paintings of many of the grappling greats will hang on the walls of the newest sports Hall.

The wrestling Hall of Fame has a long way to go before it will enjoy equal status with the baseball Hall in Cooperstown, N.Y., or gridiron Hall in Canton, Ohio. However, the opening of a Hall as a tribute to the grappling greats of the past and present is certainly a step in the right direction, and the location certainly can't be faulted as Hollywood already

attracts a big tourist trade and the site of the wrestling shrine will make it an even more popular place to visit.

One way to start an argument anywhere is to simply try and select the 10 all-time best performers in any field of activity.

Here's how one of our staff writers, Jess Hernandez, rates the top 10 wrest-

lers of all time with a thumbnail sketch of each:

1. Frank Gotch — Born in Humboldt, Iowa, in 1878, Gotch enjoyed two reigns as world heavyweight champion, defeating Tom Jenkins in Bellingham, Wash., in 1904, regaining it from George Hackenschmidt in Chicago in 1908. Gotch retired in 1913 and died of uremic poisoning four years later.

2. Ed 'Strangler' Lewis — His real name was Robert Friedrich and the native of Nekoosa, Wis., held the world heavyweight title or some version of it no less than five times. Lewis made and spent many fortunes before he died at the age of 76 in Muskogee, Okla., on Aug., 1966, after being blind and poor for the last few years of his life.

3. Jim Londos — Born in Greece but reared in the San Francisco area, Londos, whose real name was Christopher Theophilus, became a great grappler despite his small stature (5-foot-10, 200 pounds). Londos laid claim to the heavyweight title by beating Dick Shikat in 1930, strengthened the claim with a win over Jim Browning in 1934, then lost it to Danno O'Mahoney in 1935. Londos lost 14 straight matches to 'Strangler' Lewis before finally beating Lewis before a crowd of 35,265 at Chicago's Wrigley Field in 1934. Death, by heart attack, claimed Londos at the age of 83 on Aug. 20, 1975.

4. Stan Zbyszko — A native of Poland, his real name was Stanislaus Cyganiewicz, Zbyszko made his American debut in 1909. When he lost to Gotch in 1910 in Chicago, Zbyszko's

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reported 954-bout winning streak was snapped. Stan claimed the world heavyweight title twice, defeating 'Strangler' Lewis in 1922 and Wayne Munn in 1925. He retired in 1935, tried a brief comeback four years later, and died at the age of 88 in 1967 in Missouri.

5. Joe Stecher — Born April 5, 1896, on a farm outside Dodge,





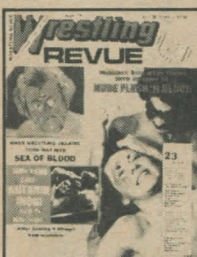
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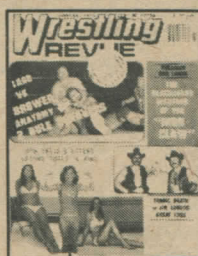
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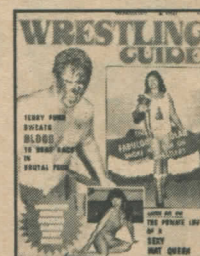
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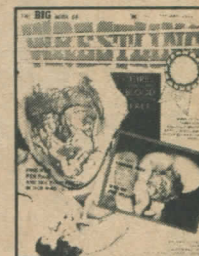
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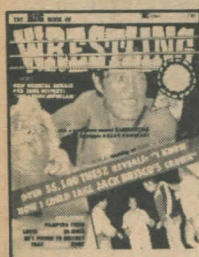
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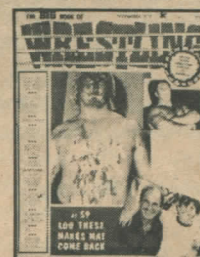
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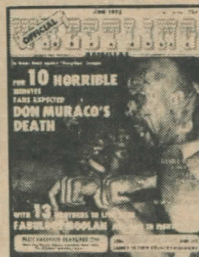
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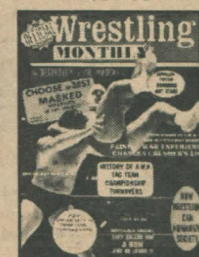
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Neb., Stecher specialized in the leg scissors. He won and lost the heavyweight title three times. Joe died at the age of 80 in 1974 after 30 years in a Veteran's Hospital.

6. Earl Caddock — Laid claim to the heavyweight championship after defeating Joe Stecher in 1917, Earl lost his title to Stecher in a rematch three years later in a battle of the servicemen at New York's Madison Square Garden with Caddock of the Army and Stecher of the Navy. Earle died on Aug. 25, 1950, at the age of 62.

7. Lou Thesz — Born April 16, 1916, Lou grew up in St. Louis, Mo., and was a protege of Ed 'Strangler' Lewis. Between 1937 and 1966, Thesz won and lost the heavyweight championship six times. Lou, despite his advanced age has made umpteen comebacks and is still active in grappling circles as a promoter.

8. The Great Gamma — India's gift to the wrestling world was still active at the age of 60. Gamma first attracted attention in 1910 when he toured Great Britain with R.B. Benjamin's wrestling circus. He wrestled to a disputed draw with Stan Zbyszco in 1914, then defeated Zbyszco in a rematch in the late 1920s, a bout that lasted a mere 21 seconds. Gamma retired from

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9. Ed Don George — An outstanding wrestler at the University of Michigan, Ed was a Big Ten and national AAU champion and competed at the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam, Holland, where he was beaten by the eventual gold medalist Johan Richthoff of Sweden. Turning pro in 1930, George defeated Gus Sonnenberg for a version of the heavyweight title in his rookie year, strengthened his claim to the championship by beating Henri DeGlane in Boston in 1931, and then was dethroned by Danno O'Mahoney in Boston in 1935.

10. Everett Marshall — Laid claim to the world heavyweight championship by beating Ali Baba in 1936; lost his title to Lou Thesz in 1937; regained recognition as world champ after Steve Casey of Ireland, who had beaten Thesz, left the United States in 1936, and lost all claim to the title after being beaten by Thesz again in 1939.

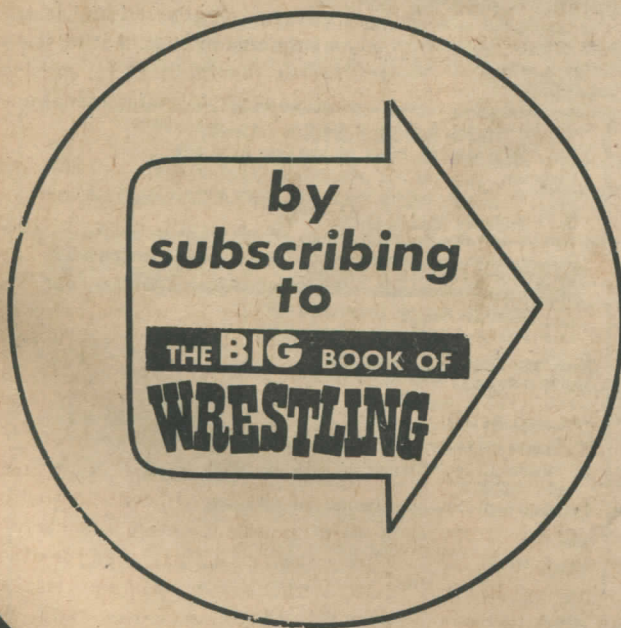
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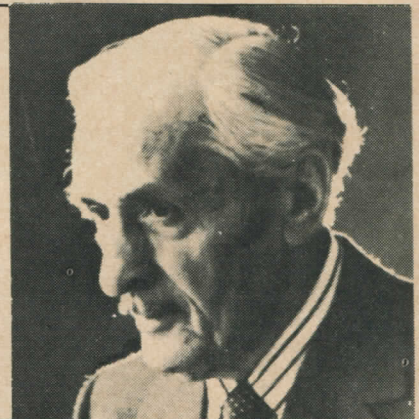
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